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Karina LeBlanc, a veteran of Canada's women's soccer team, says she's focused on owning the pitch during Saturday's match in Edmonton. See **metrotALKS**. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Politicians eye Edmonton for big-city pledges

INFRASTRUCTURE

NDP's Mulcair leads off with promise to fund projects

Federal NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair is promising to give Canadian cities dramatically more federal funding to pay for urban infrastructure.

Mulcair is expected to make the promise Saturday when he speaks to municipal leaders gathered in Edmonton at the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Indeed, the competing political visions for transforming

Canada's hard-pressed cities will be front and centre when mayors gather for their annual conference over the next four days in Edmonton.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and the Green Party's Elizabeth May are also expected to use speeches to the FCM to spell out some of the pledges for cities they will put before voters in the fall.

And Finance Minister Joe Oliver will review the infrastructure programs announced recently by the Harper

government.

After years of pressing Ottawa to view cities' problems with urgency, the FCM, which represents nearly 2,000 communities and associations, feels it has made a breakthrough — convincing governments to see municipal leaders more as equal participants in national policy making rather than just lobbyists questing for more funding.

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NALOXONE

Broader availability needed, says report

Researchers from British Columbia say Alberta's move to make Naloxone more widely available is good, but the drug should be available over-the-counter to help deal with overdoses.

Dr. Ian Mitchell and Kirstin McLaughlin worked on a pilot project in Kamloops, B.C., last year that saw the local emergency room hand out Naloxone kits when patients came in with overdoses.

The pair reported on their findings at the Alberta Harm Reduction conference, which came to Edmonton this week.

McLaughlin said the early research shows them it saved lives.

"In a year we gave out 30 kits and we had three known overdose reversals," she said.

Mitchell said the drug is safe and while recent attention on the issue has been around fentanyl, the drug should really be available to anyone who has an opioid-based painkiller in the house.

"Most of the deaths in our health authority didn't come from IV drug users, they came from people taking their prescribed pain medication," he said.

Both said it's time to look at regulatory challenges to make the drug more easily available. The drug has few side effects and McLaughlin said many over-the-counter medications like Tylenol, Aspirin and Gravol have fewer complications.

"The examples would be endless in comparison to Naloxone, which is safe and inexpensive," she said.

She said Vancouver's safe injection site — Insite — stocks the drug and in just one weekend saved dozens of lives with it, when fentanyl-laced drugs tore through the community.

"They had 36 overdoses because of substances laced with fentanyl and nobody died," she said. "That's because of Naloxone." **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

BY THE NUMBERS

Province budgets \$300k for program

A total of 50 deaths have been linked to fentanyl in the first few months of this



Fentanyl seized by police.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

year, following 120 in 2014, 66 in 2013, 29 in 2012 and six in 2011.

The province has budgeted \$300,000, which is being spread across agencies in the province to start Naloxone programs.

Each kit costs about \$40 to assemble depending on the cost of the drug.

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HEALTH

Naloxone key to preventing fatal reactions to fentanyl



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

A life-saving medicine for people who overdose on fentanyl will soon be available across Alberta

after the province signed grant agreements with social agencies.

Earlier this year, Alberta announced it would spend \$300,000 and partner with social agencies to get the antidote Naloxone into the hands of drug users.

Naloxone works with any opioid including morphine, OxyContin and heroin, but a surge in fentanyl overdoses has the province rolling out the program.

"The number of people who are dying with overdoses have increased substantially over the last two or three years," said Dr. Michael Trew, the province's

chief addiction and mental health officer. "This is really a question about safety and saving lives."

Mathew Wong, a nurse with the Streetworks program in Edmonton, said the grant money is just starting to roll in, but they hope to be able to spend more money on the program soon.

"The majority of the money is going to buy the Naloxone kits and they are going to be distributed across the province," he said.

Wong said the kits include the drug itself, as well as gloves and

other items.

He said the kits aren't just important for the Naloxone, but for the chance to provide users some education.

"The first part is the information, all the practical tips that we can give to people and then the second part is the life-saving measures," he said.

Wong said Naloxone is completely harmless and has no side effects, so there is no reason not to have it widely available.

"Things like an EpiPen, which have many more side effects, we strap on to little kids to use."



The Edmonton program Streetworks has been distributing Naloxone kits for about 10 years, but barely had the resources to keep the program running. **METRO FILE**

Province rolls out drug-overdose kits

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IN BRIEF**Police probing drug ring raid five homes and a store in Fort McMurray**

Police have cracked down on a drug-trafficking ring in Fort McMurray, executing seven search warrants in the area.

According to Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams, officers searched five Fort McMurray homes, along with a hotel room and the Supplement King store in the early morning of June 3. Police said several people are in custody. METRO

Former Norway minister: Alberta should copy Alberta on oil royalties

A former Norwegian finance minister says Alberta's new government should take inspiration from the same place the Scandinavian country found it: Alberta.

Kristin Halvorsen says Norway looked to Alberta's Heritage Trust Fund when the country was deciding what to do with its North sea oil in the 1980s. She says Norway's fund is now worth about one trillion dollars. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ONLINE TAGGING

Poor-parking app could get you towed



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

Watch out, bad parkers: one smartphone app is asking users to upload photos of poorly parked cars in Canada and get them towed.

Towit, an app created out of Toronto, allows users to snap a picture of a car or truck parked on a curb or in a bike lane, type in the licence plate and street address and file a complaint.

"We wanted to make it as low barrier as possible for anyone to report the most minor of offences during their busy daily lives," said Michael McArthur, co-creator of the app.

Working with local governments and towing companies, the Toronto resident wants the app to do more than post examples of what some consider to be bad drivers.

"Our mission here isn't to just tow people's cars. We want to create a behavioural shift to make people more aware of how they're impacting their surroundings, other people

around them and their community," said McArthur.

Congestion and collisions are examples of what could happen due to a bad parking job, said McArthur.

According to the towit.io website, there have been no postings of bad parking jobs in Edmonton yet. Calgary is the closest city with submissions online via the app.

But that doesn't mean there aren't bad parkers in Edmonton, according to a few social-media accounts.

One website, BadEdmontonDrivers.com, posts photos almost daily of poor parking jobs.

Two Twitter accounts, @BadYEGDrivers and @DBagParkingYEG, also exist, with both social-media accounts posting comments and photos of what some Edmontonians consider to be bad driving decisions.

The next step in the app's evolution will allow any driver to input their licence plate so they can be warned if anyone is tagging them for bad or illegal parking via the smartphone application, added McArthur.



The Project Watch investigation began when police found higher-than-average rates of crime and disorder around discount motels. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Province joins in motel probe

HOUSING

Alberta paying to put up needy folks in squalid rooms: Police



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton police said they're relieved to see the new provincial government is making its use of motel rooms for vulnerable people a top priority — and said they're looking forward to helping out.

Supt. Brad Doucette said he was pleased to see the new Human Services Minister Irfan Sabir was asking deputy ministers to look into the issue.

"It's the right thing to do at

the end of the day, so it is good to see that they're making it a priority," said Doucette.

Police uncovered the issue during a year-long investigation dubbed Project Watch, which found the government was housing vulnerable Albertans in sometimes squalid conditions in motels.

The government was also paying high rates for the rooms, which had bed bugs, mice and other infestations.

Sabir has asked his deputies to provide information by the end of the month on how some of Edmonton police's recommendations on the issue could be addressed.

Doucette said Edmonton police look forward to working with the province but said it's still very early in the process.

"We would like to have some time to actually sit down with them ourselves," he said.



We're certainly willing to work with them (the province).

Supt. Brad Doucette,
Edmonton police

"They're going to have to come up with a bit of a strategy, and we're certainly willing to work with them."

Doucette said police have had some success convincing motel owners to improve the conditions of their properties and have also heard good things already from the government.

"Our previous meetings with the assistant deputy ministers have clearly been moving in the right direction," he said.

OUTBREAK

41 cases of salmonella linked to chicks from Alberta hatchery

More people in Western Canada have become sick with salmonella linked to live chicks from an Alberta hatchery.

The Public Health Agency of Canada says it is investigating 41 cases of people becoming ill, including seven people who have been hospitalized.

The agency says they became sick between April 5 and May 23.

Everyone has either recovered or is recovering.

There are 22 cases in Al-

berta, 14 in British Columbia, four in Saskatchewan and one in Manitoba.

The agency says everyone who became ill handled live baby chicks, turkeys or goslings.

"Many individuals reported purchasing live poultry by mail order or from feed-supply storefronts for backyard flocks to produce eggs or meat," the agency said in a release Wednesday.

People are being warned to always wash their hands after

handling live birds.

The agency advises that children under the age of five, pregnant women, the elderly and those with weaker immune systems are at most risk.

Symptoms of salmonella bacteria infection include fever, chills, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headache, nausea and vomiting.

People can get infected from a bird, its droppings or from where it lives.

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Proposed rezoning in Windsor Park for a mixed-use apartment development.

Thursday, June 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Windsor Park School
8720 - 118 Street NW, Edmonton, AB

Residents are invited to a public meeting to provide feedback on a proposal to rezone the property at 11730 - 87 Avenue NW from the Neighbourhood Convenience Commercial Zone (CNC) to a Site Specific Development Control Provision (DC2). The proposed rezoning would provide the opportunity for an apartment housing development of approximately 10 storeys with commercial/retail uses at street level.

The meeting will be an opportunity to learn more about the proposal and provide feedback to the City and applicant. Feedback will be summarized in a report to City Council before a final decision is made on the rezoning.

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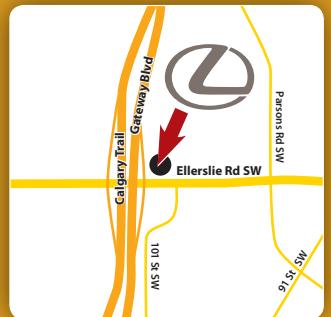
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Karina LeBlanc, goalkeeper with Canada's national female soccer team, poses in Churchill Square before the games start on the pitch. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

FIFA buoys city pride

WORLD CUP

Marketing experts say all eyes will be on Edmonton

Leah Holiday
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton planners are hoping citizen pride will swell a little bigger after the world's largest women's soccer tournament rolls into town this weekend.

The soccer ball will drop Saturday to kick off FIFA Women's World Cup 2015 as Canada faces off against China as part of the

international event — the catalyst for nearly \$1.9 million in upgrades to city facilities.

While some of the costs are shared with Canada Soccer, the city's director of reputation said the expenses are all about creating a memorable experience that Edmontonians can be proud of.

"There is the whole benefit about making citizens feel a real pride in their city," said Ronna Bremer. "There are going to be millions of eyes watching this tournament over the month that it happens and on June 6 the eyes are going to be on Edmonton."

So far, the city has already invested in a new turf at Commonwealth Stadium to the tune

\$48.5M

The projected industry output from the Women's World Cup

\$27.5M

The amount of cash visitors are expected to spend.

of \$700,000, which is shared with Canada Soccer.

Other upgrades included repairs to the locker room and updates to the control booth.

The city will also foot the bill for more transit up to \$720,000 to get people to the games. With

restricted parking at the stadium, Bremer said the free transit makes it easier and accessible for spectators to catch the matches.

"It's all designed around improving that experience, making sure that Edmontonians whether they go to the games or not have a way to participate in FIFA," said Bremmer. "It's really about putting our city's best foot forward. That's a key priority for us when hosting international events."

Calgary-based marketing expert Ernest Barbaric said the tournament represents a really important time for Edmonton.

"You have the eyes of the world on Edmonton, Alberta, for the first time for a lot of the people who would follow it," he said.

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EDMONTON FOLK FESTIVAL

Lineup hits right chord

Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

Of Monsters and Men, Sinead O'Connor and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes will headline this year's Edmonton Folk Festival.

Brandi Carlile, Aurelio, Tinariwen and Lord Huron are also part of the extensive lineup, announced Wednesday morning.

Festival promoters say they're able to attract big-name talent because of a reputation they've built over many years. "Our recognition ... is second to none certainly among the artists," said festival producer Terry Wickham.

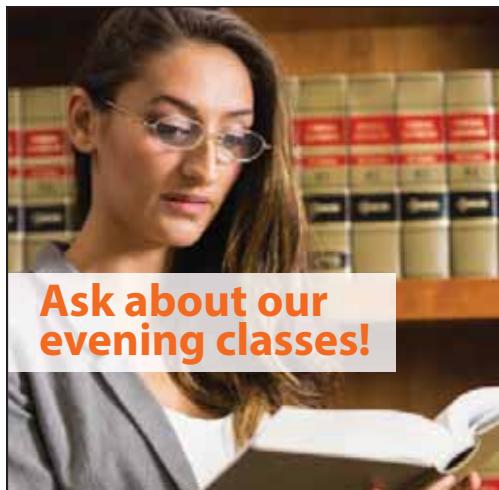
The international flavour of the festival — musicians from Ireland to Africa have graced the stage — has helped make the event sell out for 20 years in a row, Wickham said.

But the low Canadian dollar this year has hampered the festival's ability to afford talent, said Wickham. Paying artists in U.S. dollars hurt the festival's budget so additional sponsors were brought on board to boost the budget to pay for costs. Ticket sales went up \$10 this year as a result of the extra charges.

The 11,000 four-day passes for the festival, which runs from August 6-9 at Gallagher Park, sell out quickly. They go on sale Saturday, at Telus Field and online.



Erin Kay and Ken Stead will perform at the Edmonton Folk Festival. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



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Next concrete steps

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

As Métis artist and activist Aaron Paquette argues, reconciliation for residential schools in action means changing education and "it means dollars."

Mayor Don Iveson echoed Paquette's sentiments after the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report. Iveson added that what some see as reconciliation's meaning — that those affected need to 'get over' their pain — is not reconciliation at all. "That would be further subjugation, that would be insulting, and I've heard those attitudes," he said.

So, in the wake of the landmark report, what is Edmonton — with the second largest urban aboriginal population and the largest population of residential school survivors — doing to make the word meaningful?

The city has begun acknowledging that it sits on Treaty 6 indigenous territory before its meetings, but there are further steps in the works.

Affordable housing

"There's no doubt that a housing conversation is a reconciliation conversation," Iveson said, noting the over-representation of indigenous people challenged by poverty. "Reconciliation has to include material changes in resources and services, not just words."

Iveson further noted that Ottawa's declining support for subsidized housing is a concern. He said he expects the topic to be a big one during the upcoming mayoral conference in Edmonton later this week.

Ceremony

When it comes to worlds, they often collide on things like ceremonies. Smudging — the



Smudging will be allowed in more buildings. CANADIAN PRESS

burning of sweet grass, sage or other plants to cleanse one's spirit — is protocol before a meeting in many indigenous cultures in Alberta but it's still banned in most buildings due to reasons like smoke alarms.

Still, smudging is slowly being accepted within city buildings, said Mike Chow, head of the city's aboriginal relations unit. At the moment, the CN Tower has room dedicated for it, and City Hall is able to allow smudging, on special notice.

"We're starting to understand that these kind of activities are needed for people to centre themselves, and so I think we'll have to continue to work with Edmonton Fire and Rescue" on smudging, Chow said.

Chow said he's "hopeful" Edmonton's new civic building will allow smudging.

Education

Edmonton's 12,000 employees are already being educated about residential schools and indigenous history and worldviews. "We've started down that path, with a training program," said Chow. Iveson said the program is essential. "We'll continue with our efforts around workplace education for all of our staff at the city of Edmonton to understand historical trauma, to bring more compassion into their interactions with all peoples in the city."



Residential school survivor Lorna Standingready is comforted by a fellow survivor during the closing ceremony of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission, in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Report is not the end: Australia's Aboriginals

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Delegation warns the hard work is ahead

Australian Aboriginal leaders in Alberta this week have a warning for Canadian First Nations celebrating the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report.

Don't get your hopes up, said Adrian Burragubba, leader of the Wagan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Family Representative Council from the Australian state of Queensland.

Australia held its own inquiry back in the 1990s into the removal of Aboriginal children into state-run schools.

The process resulted in a massive report and a national "Sorry Day" that's been held every year since 1998. In 2008, then-Prime Minister Kevin

Rudd formally apologized on behalf of the government.

And that's about it, said Burragubba.

"It didn't help us. We didn't get anywhere."

Burragubba — in Alberta as part of an international tour to raise awareness about his people's fight against a giant coal mine on their lands — said the Bringing Them Home report got headlines for a few days, then faded away.

"It's basically an emotional feel-good thing and people moved on," Burragubba said. "The general population has this idea that our culture should be protected, but no one wants to help us out of poverty."

If Canadian First Nations want to see action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report, they're going to have to push for it, said Murrarrawah Johnson, part of the Australian delegation.

The practice lasted from the mid-1800s until the 1970s. The report found that between one in three and one in 10 Aboriginal

inal children were removed from their families as a result of government policy.

But Burragubba said Aboriginals still have to fight to get their land rights recognized.

Only one Australian state has implemented a compensation package for those who suffered under the policy.

Burragubba and Johnson were in Alberta for a tour of the oilsands region and meetings with local Aboriginals. They were to meet with Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adams to compare notes on how his band has dealt with the resource industry.

The two will also travel to New York, Zurich and London in an attempt to dissuade bankers behind the planned 280-square-kilometre Carmichael coal mine from funding the project, owned by Indian conglomerate Adani.

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ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

Parliament talk focuses on duty to act after report's release

Prime Minister Stephen Harper listened in silence Wednesday as the head of an exhaustive study of residential schools and their dark legacy urged all levels of government to make reconciliation and healing a top priority.

The results of that study demand a political response, said Justice Murray Sinclair, the chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that was established in 2007 to document the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.

"My fellow commissioners and I are convinced that for healing and reconciliation to happen in this country, such work must be done as a high — and, in some cases, urgent — priority," Sinclair said.

"And it must be done in partnership."

Harper and Sinclair were among a large gathering of politicians, commissioners, resi-

dential-school survivors and members of the aboriginal community who gathered at Rideau Hall to formally close the commission's work.

Neither Harper, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt nor Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq spoke at the event.

"The nearly 7,000 people who shared and recorded their experiences and reflections with us have talked about the connections between their residential-school experiences and many things that remain," Sinclair said.

"The rupture from home and family, and the inability to parent children and maintain the loving relationships, the mental, physical and spiritual abuses."

It's the commission's responsibility to share these stories, he continued.

A summary of the commission's findings, which concluded that Canada's residential-school era constituted "cultural genocide," was released Tuesday.

Along with it came 94 extensive recommendations that amounted to a comprehensive overhaul of the Crown's relationship with Aboriginal Peoples.

Canada is one of the only countries in the world where aboriginal and treaty rights are entrenched in our Constitution.

Mark Strahl, junior aboriginal affairs minister

Since then, the daily question period has been dominated by debate about the extent of the government's duty to act on those recommendations — one of which was to adopt the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

And for a second straight day, the government refused to acknowledge the commission's use of the phrase "cultural genocide," despite prodding from the opposition.

New Democrat Leader Tom Mulcair said an NDP government would put a "filter" on its decisions to ensure they respect First Nations treaty rights and obligations and embark on a "vast consultation" on aboriginal education. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Prime Minister Stephen Harper hugs Elder Evelyn Commanda-Dewache, a residential school survivor, during the closing ceremony of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Wednesday in Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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PARLIAMENT SHOOTING

Canada 'ill-prepared' for terror attacks: OPP report

As Michael Zehaf Bibeau ran toward the Centre Block on Oct. 22, the RCMP had more than one chance to stop him.

An officer in a cruiser could have blocked Zehaf Bibeau's path to the Centre Block but for a woman pushing a stroller who tried to jump into the car for safety.

A radio alert that a gunman was on Parliament Hill was so garbled that no one understood it. And the majority of security forces are stationed inside the Parliament Buildings, not outside. None of the officers stationed on the grounds stopped the gunman before he

There is nobody from our perspective that is to blame for this.

Gilles Michaud, RCMP assistant commissioner

got through the doors — the result, the RCMP say, of systemic security issues, not human error.

"There is nobody from our perspective that is to blame for this," said RCMP assistant commissioner Gilles Michaud. He added no one has been disciplined for

their actions on Oct. 22.

Yet the events from last October remain a "grim reminder that Canada is ill-prepared" to stop terrorist attacks, with the RCMP suffering a lack of "planning, training and resources" to protect the Parliament buildings, a long-awaited Ontario Provincial Police report says.

The report says the RCMP's ability to protect Parliament Hill has been stretched by resource issues stemming from budget cuts imposed in 2012 by the Conservative government.

"Fortunately," the report says, "the attacker was unorganized." THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOUTH AFRICA

Woman killed by lion was a Vancouver-based visual editor

A woman who was mauled to death by a lioness in South Africa was a Vancouver-based visual effects editor on a volunteer mission to protect wildlife, her family says.

Kate Chappell, 29, was a "brilliant, kind, adventurous and high-spirited" woman, ac-

cording to a post on her sister Jen's Facebook page.

"Her energy and passion could not be contained by mere continents or oceans. She was very much loved and shared her love for life with those she met," the post read.

Chappell worked on block-

busters including *Godzilla*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, and *Divergent*, and contributed to a 2014 *Game of Thrones* episode that won an Emmy, according to her profile on *Internet Movie Database*.

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Christianne Boudreau's son Damian Clairmont died in Syria in 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CONTRIBUTED

Moms confront online recruiters

EXTREMISM

Berlin-based group targets radicalized children

A group of Western mothers whose children have joined the Islamic State and other extremists in Syria and Iraq appealed Wednesday for them to return home, quoting from the Qur'an. The group has Muslim and non-Muslim members from seven countries including Canada, France and the United States.

In an open letter posted on social media websites, members of Berlin-based Mothers for Life called on their sons and daughters to recall that Islam requires them to honour their parents and spare them suffering.

"Even if you think death will give you that 'better' life, remember that even the Prophet Muhammad (peace and bless-

ings be upon him) said: 'Paradise lies at the feet of your mother,'" the letter said. "By leaving us against our will to give up your own life and take those of others, you have put our struggle, pain and honour under your feet and walked over it."

Thousands of young Western men and women have joined the Islamic State militants in recent years after being recruited by other extremists, often operating online. Mothers for Life said their decision to launch the appeal on social media is part of an effort to publicly challenge those who have lured their children away.

"Social media right now seems to be their strength in recruiting our youth," said Cal-

gary mother Christianne Boudreau, whose 22-year-old son Damian Clairmont was killed in Syria last year. "We've got to fight fire with fire," she said in a telephone interview.

Boudreau has said her son was actively recruited by people in Calgary. He converted to Islam as a teen and reportedly died in heavy fighting in the city of Aleppo last winter.

Mothers for Life also wants to help other families struggling to bring their children home, and highlight the need for politicians and security officials to take the parents of foreign fighters seriously. The group, run by the German Institute on Radicalization and De-radicalization Studies (GIRD), has sought advice from Islamic scholars to challenge extremists' religious arguments.

Mothers for Life website: <http://www.girds.org/projects/mothers-for-life-network>

Mothers for Life on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/mothersandlife>

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**Paradise lies
at the feet of your
mother.**

Mothers for Life letter

PENTAGON

Live anthrax linked to 51 labs

The U.S. military is struggling to tally up the number of live anthrax samples it might inadvertently have shipped out to research labs over the years, including possibly to Canada.

It will take days to account for all the erroneously mailed batches, the military said at a news conference Wednesday, as the scope of the apparent error has mushroomed.

"We will find more labs, we

will find more lots," said Cmdr. Franca Jones, director of the U.S. military's chemical and biological defence programs.

In the week since the military acknowledged the error, the number of cases has surged to 51 labs in 17 states and Canada, Australia and South Korea.

At-risk batches were linked to three kits sent to Canada: one to Winnipeg's National Microbiology Laboratory and

two sent in 2007 to a research facility in Suffield, Alta. No reports of illness have been linked to the shipments in Canada.

The Winnipeg lab said in an email that its kit has been moved to a higher security area in the centre.

Four people at labs in Delaware, Texas and Wisconsin have been told to get antibiotics as a precaution.

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\$10M payment was not a bribe: Sports minister

SOUTH AFRICA

Fikile Mbalula says money was for soccer development

South Africa's sports minister "categorically" denied on Wednesday that the \$10 million paid to former FIFA official Jack Warner in 2008 was a bribe for his help in securing the World Cup.

Fikile Mbalula, however, said he couldn't say what Warner did with the money, which South Africa claims was "above board" and meant for soccer development in the Caribbean region.

What happened to the cash is "another story for investigators.... We don't know," Mbalula said. "We can't account for that."

Mbalula repeated the South African government's denials that the country paid bribes to win the right to host the 2010 tournament, as alleged in indictments from the U.S. Department of Justice. South Africa's government — and former president Thabo Mbeki — first denied any wrongdoing in the bid process last week.

The Justice Department believes that \$10 million was sent by South Africa, through FIFA, to Warner in three wire transfers in 2008 as payback for him and two other then-FIFA executive committee members for backing South Africa in the 2004 vote. South Africa won the World Cup by four votes over Morocco, making the ballots of Warner and his two "co-conspirators" decisive.

Mbalula characterized the \$10 million as an "above board payment" to help the game in



South Africa's sports minister Fikile Mbalula speaks during a news conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Wednesday. Mbalula denied that the \$10 million paid to former FIFA official Jack Warner in 2008 was a bribe for his help in securing the World Cup. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the Caribbean.

Mbalula also insisted that the South African government had not contradicted itself after the emergence of a leaked letter from then-South African Football Association president Molefi Olyphant in 2008 asking FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke to send the \$10 million to Warner from South Africa's World Cup funds. Olyphant twice specified in the letter



We ... categorically deny that our country and government have bribed anyone to win the rights for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Fikile Mbalula, South Africa's sports minister

that the implicated Warner be in control of the money.

"The letter leaked to the media; we don't know why it was leaked in the first place

because that correspondence was above board," Mbalula said, denying it suggested a bribe was paid. "Criminals can explain a bribe very well. I don't know

how bribes work."

South African soccer officials, who were meant to attend the briefing, were absent. The South African Football Association had said Tuesday that former World Cup bid and organizing officials would attend but didn't then explain why they didn't.

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CAPSIZED SHIP

China searches for 410 missing in river

Chinese authorities deployed scores more divers and a large crane as they escalated efforts Wednesday to recover more than 410 people believed to be trapped inside an overturned river cruise ship.

The capsizing late Monday of the multi-decked Eastern Star in the Yangtze River is on track to become the country's deadliest maritime disaster in seven decades. Chinese authorities have launched a high-profile response while tightly control-

ling media coverage. Premier Li Keqiang, the country's No. 2 political leader, has travelled to the disaster site in the Hubei province county of Jianli, where he urged "all-out," 24-7 efforts.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said the bodies of 26 victims have been pulled from the boat. Fourteen people survived, some of them by swimming ashore and three by being pulled out of the ship by rescuers on Tuesday.

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IN BRIEF

Man who flew gyrocopter to the U.S. Capitol says his employer wants to fire him

A man who flew a gyrocopter through some of America's most restricted airspace before landing at the U.S. Capitol says his employer, the United States Postal Service, is taking steps to fire him. Doug Hughes said Wednesday the agency intends to fire him for "unacceptable conduct" in the wake of his April 15 flight to call attention to campaign finance reform.

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AIRSTRIKES

10,000 ISIL fighters killed: U.S. official

A U.S. official said Wednesday that more than 10,000 Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) fighters have been killed by American-led airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in nine months, offering a body count for a campaign that has yet to blunt their advance.

Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken's figure came after a Paris conference on how to stop the extremists ended without any new strategy to halt their campaign. It also

comes months after the Pentagon dismissed such counts as "simply not a relevant figure" in the fight against ISIL.

Meanwhile, ISIL launched a major attack on the predominantly Kurdish city of Hassakeh in northeastern Syria, according to activists and Syrian state media.

Speaking Wednesday to France Inter Radio a day after the Paris conference, Blinken said the airstrikes have been effective.

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BOSTON Suspect not shot in back: Leaders

A leader of Boston's African-American community said Wednesday that a police video of the fatal shooting of a terror suspect makes clear he "was not shot in the back."

Darnell Williams, head of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, said after viewing the video that he could "150 per cent corroborate" the police account of how the officers engaged with Usaama Rahim.

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said officers confronted him because "military and law-enforcement lives were at threat."

Rahim had talked with another suspect about "committing beheadings" and "harming police officers," a law-enforcement official familiar with the investigation said.

The official was not authorized to release details and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Rahim was shot because he was menacing the officers with a large military-style knife that he refused to drop, Evans said.

Williams said the images make clear that Rahim "was not on a cellphone and was not shot in the back," two "inaccurate" allegations made by the dead man's brother, Ibrahim Rahim, who is a prominent Muslim scholar.

Williams said he's not ready to say the shooting was justifiable, and a Boston Muslim leader, Imam Abdullah Faaruq, called the video "inconclusive." He agreed that Rahim wasn't shot in the back but said the images are of poor quality and it wasn't clear whether police had to use deadly force.

Usaama Rahim had been under surveillance by a Joint Terrorism Task Force and spreading online propaganda for ISIL before he was shot and killed on Tuesday, said U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee.

The task force was investigating Usaama Rahim because he had been "communicating with and spreading (ISIL) propaganda online," the Texas Republican said. "These cases are a reminder of the dangers posed by individuals radicalized through social media."

Authorities quickly showed the video to African-American and Muslim community leaders in an effort to dispel rumors about the confrontation. The meeting Wednesday "was all about pulling the community together," Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said.

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Voters defy predictions

POLLING

Forecasters failed to gauge Israel, Poland, U.K. elections

These are tough times for political pollsters.

In recent elections in Israel, Britain and Poland, pre-election polls failed spectacularly to predict actual results, sending shock waves through entire nations on election night. Now many research pollsters are analyzing these fiascos in search of ways to do better.

In Britain, Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives won a clear victory on May 7 after polls had predicted a near-tie with Labour, generating expectations of a hung parliament. A day after the election, the British Polling Council launched an inquiry into the pollsters' inaccuracies.

In Poland, the Association of Market and Opinion Research Organizations said that it plans to carry out a similar evaluation after a presidential election in which the incumbent, Bronislaw Komorowski, lost to a little-known challenger, following surveys that for months suggested an easy re-election.



Polish President-elect Andrzej Duda celebrates his surprise win on May 24. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party won after polls showed the opposition Zionist Union ahead.

They weren't lying to the pollsters ... but to themselves.

Leighton Vaughan Williams

Leading pollsters in Israel said the discrepancy had more to do with last-minute voter shifts than with any flaws in the polls.

Experts point to several factors — a key one being political correctness. In short, people lie to pollsters because they are ashamed to admit their true

intentions.

In Poland, people may have been embarrassed to admit they were voting for the right-wing presidential challenger, saying instead they supported the more moderate incumbent.

In Britain, there appears to be the phenomenon of "shy Tories" — people who secretly intended to vote Conservative, a party still stigmatized as "mean," telling pollsters they'll vote for the more socially progressive Labour.

Professor Leighton Vaughan Williams, director of the Betting Research Unit and the Political Forecasting Unit at Nottingham Business School, also points to how lack of enthusiasm in one camp can distort polling data. He spoke of a "lethargic Labour" effect in Britain, with Labour Party voters not turning out in the expected numbers.

"They stayed home. They weren't lying to the pollsters but, in a sense, they were lying to themselves," he said.

In Britain's election, the bookies proved to be a much more accurate predictor of the election results than the opinion polls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K.

Queen's fine, says Palace

Buckingham Palace took the unusual step Wednesday of confirming that the Queen went to a hospital for her annual medical checkup after social media comments touched off speculation on her health.

The rare statement on a private matter for the Queen came after a tweet posted on the account of a BBC journalist said the 89-year-old monarch was being treated in the hospital. The tweet, with a "breaking news" tag, was sent during a BBC rehearsal for the Queen's obituary, suggesting the sender mistook the exercise for the real thing.

"During a technical rehearsal for an obituary, tweets were mistakenly sent from the account of a BBC journalist saying that a member of the royal family had been taken ill," the BBC said. "The tweets were swiftly deleted and we apologize for any offence."

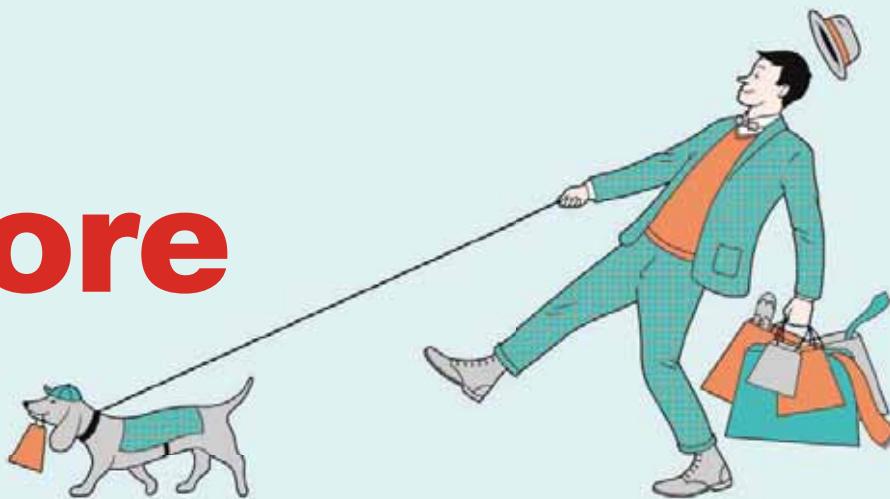
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U.S. city leaders keen on sharing economy

PEER-TO-PEER SERVICES

But two-thirds are worried about safety, survey finds

American cities are enticed by the economic growth and services that "sharing economy" companies such as Airbnb, Uber and Lyft can offer, but officials are anxious about safety in a largely unregulated realm, a city advocacy group found in a study released Wednesday.

Nearly three-quarters of city leaders said they want to see the "sharing" sector grow, according to National League of Cities survey responses from 245 leaders of municipalities large and small.

Yet nearly two-thirds said they were concerned about the safety of using apps and websites that let everyday people rent out rooms, arrange car rides and provide other services to strangers. More than half the cities said they imposed no rules on "sharing" players, though their traditional counterparts — like hotels and taxi companies — often are regulated.



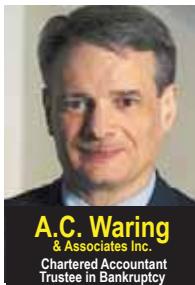
While the traditional taxi industry opposes ride-share companies, most of the 245 U.S. city leaders polled said they want to see the "sharing economy" grow. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

While 71 per cent of cities said they supported sharing-economy growth, leaders embrace ride-hailing apps more readily than short-term home rentals, by 66 per cent to 44 per cent. In general, cities see the

biggest benefits as improved services (rated No. 1 by 22 per cent) and economic expansion (20 per cent). Smaller numbers cited entrepreneurship, efficiency, tourism and constituents' enthusiasm.

Sixty-one per cent of cities said safety was their top concern about peer-to-peer services. Just 10 per cent or fewer named any other potential problem.

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MUSIC

Apple set to launch streaming service

Apple is reportedly ready to unveil its new streaming music service next week at the company's annual Worldwide Developer Conference.

Reportedly called Apple Music, the new product is based on Beats Music service which the company acquired in August 2014 for \$3 billion US.

While it feels like Apple is arriving late to a market with many streaming services, there is still a large opportunity.

Market leader Spotify claims 60 million users worldwide, but only 15 million of those are actually paid sub-

scriptions.

By comparison, there are more than 800 million iTunes accounts, which gives Apple a huge amount of leverage. The company is hoping to convert its customers who download music into music streamers.

But that's a tall order. Apple Music reportedly will cost \$10 a month (like Spotify Premium or Deezer Premium), meaning a year of streaming would cost \$120.

According to the Wall Street Journal, of the 110 million iTunes users in the U.S., most currently spend only about \$30 on the service.

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IN BRIEF

Families' net worth up 73%

Statistics Canada says the average net worth of Canadian families rose 73 per cent between 1999 and 2012 to an average of \$554,100 from \$319,800. The top 20 per cent of families by income saw their net worth rise 80 per cent, climbing from \$721,900 to \$1,300,100. However, the bottom 20 per cent of families by income saw their average net worth rise by 38 per cent from \$79,500 to \$109,300 over the same period. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS

Oil, gas firms demonize coal

Chemistry books say there are three fossil fuels: coal, oil and natural gas. Lately you could get the impression that coal is the only one.

As a global agreement to rein in climate-warming carbon emissions draws closer, oil and gas companies are increasingly talking about coal as the problem and describing themselves as a crucial part of the solution, together with renewable energy sources like

wind and solar power.

"We stand ready to play our part," six major European oil and gas companies including Royal Dutch Shell and BP said in a recent letter to UN climate officials working on a major climate deal set to be adopted in Paris in December.

As they see it, their part includes gobbling up coal's market share in power generation.

The coal industry has resisted counter-strikes against

its fellow fossil fuels, opting instead to highlight new technologies that improve the efficiency of coal-fired power plants or capture their CO2 emissions.

The split in the fossil fuel family represents a shift from the last time the world negotiated a climate agreement, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. Back then, big oil and coal companies had more of a united front.

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HOME FURNISHINGS

Retailers fight for millennials

Canadian home furnishing and decor retailers facing tough economic challenges are beefing up their e-commerce offerings to appeal to tech-savvy millennial shoppers who shop online, or browse sites before choosing stores to visit.

Like the women's fashion sector, Canadian home furnishing companies are facing

intensified competition from large foreign brands, including Pottery Barn, Pier 1 Imports, Bed, Bath and Beyond, TJX-owned HomeSense, Costco and Walmart.

Each is trying to adapt by having a strong network of stores while building web sales.

In the U.S., kitchen retailer Williams-Sonoma, which now

owns Pottery Barn, has been drawing more than half of its overall sales online.

North of the border, retailers are trying to boost online sales by offering free shipping. Canadian Tire is working on getting a revamped e-commerce platform back online after scrapping its old one in 2009.

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while sampling great craft beer in a social environment, there is room for everyone."

Alberta Beer Festivals began 12 years ago to educate and engage people about all things beer, and have fun, too.

2013, the focus had shifted to include craft beer and the increasing number of craft breweries in the province."

The Edmonton Craft Beer Festival includes more than 20 of the city's best "beer-centric" eateries, pubs and restaurants. It has brewmaster and cooking with beer seminars, presented in part with Craft Beer Market and Rickard's. And this year the festival has a brand new feature — the ATB Financial Beer University.

"Beer university will give attendees the opportunity to learn about and sample craft beer then get their MBA, masters of beer appreciation," Robinson says.

Another new feature is the Alberta Beer Festivals social media lounge, where you can share your thoughts on beer with your friends across the table and across cyberspace.

"One of the main reasons Alberta Beer Festivals has been so successful with their events is that we strive to exceed expectations every year," Robinson says. "We are always in search of ways to make our events better."

The Edmonton Craft Beer Festival is Friday and Saturday at the Northlands Expo Centre. Get tickets at all Sobeys Grocery, Sobeys Liquor, Brewsters and albertabeerfestivals.com.

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"We are Edmonton's oldest running restaurant and we pride ourselves in serving up great food and hospitality at our resto pub," owner and chef Mike Bhatnagar says of his pub, which has been a big part of downtown Edmonton since 1912.

But The Hat on Jasper also prides itself on attending the Edmonton Craft Beer Festival.

"This year is super exciting for us as we are presenting a cooking with beer seminar and I will be preparing my favourite beef chili with beer," says Bhatnagar, who



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has owned The Hat since 2013.

He enjoys the Edmonton Craft Beer Festival not only because he gets to serve up great food with beer, but because "it's fun and relevant."

Bhatnagar also likes the personal connection he gets at the festival.

"There's a lot of involvement from people, it's fun and we like to serve up great food and beer."

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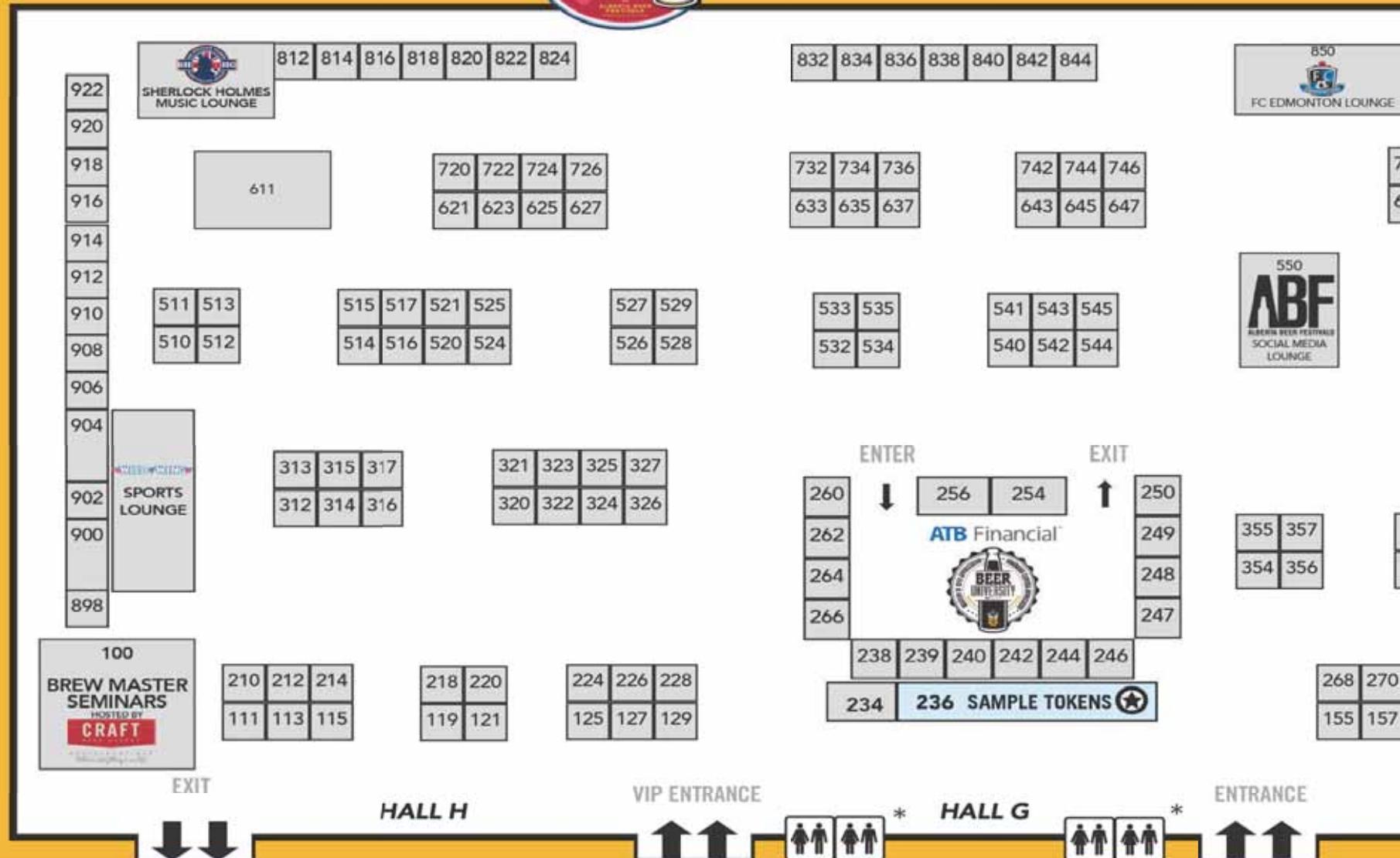
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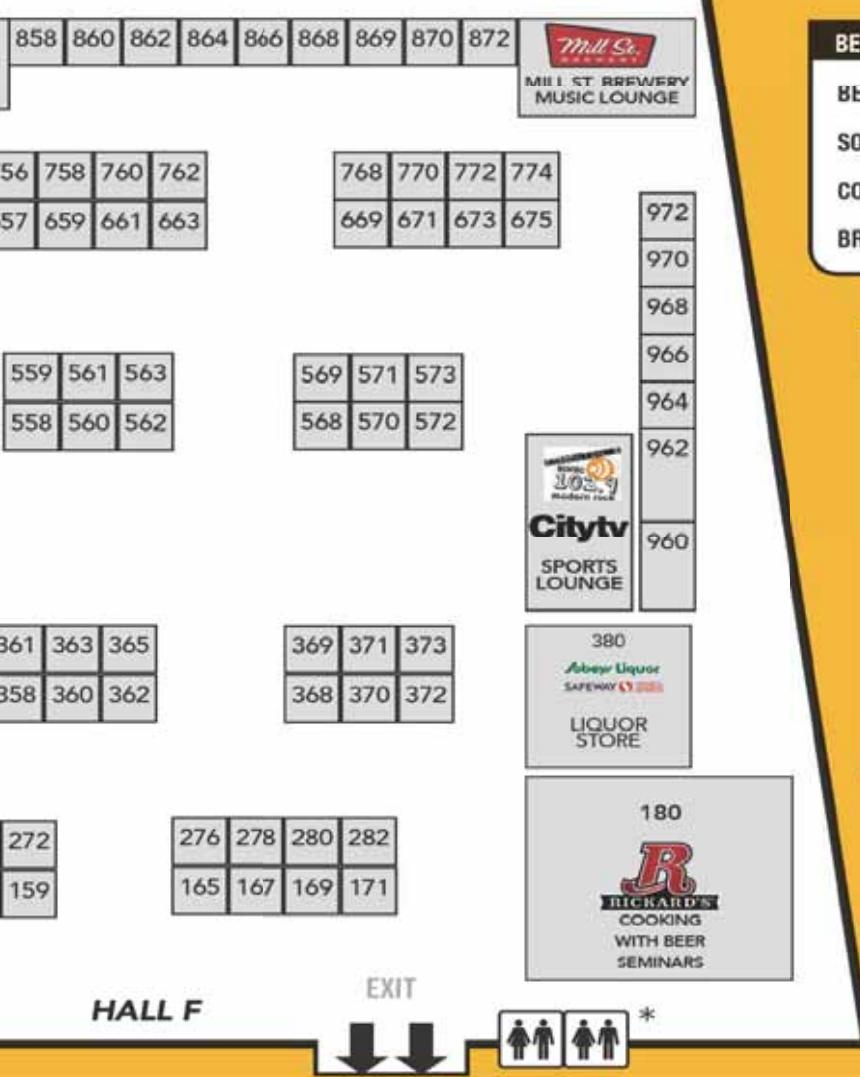
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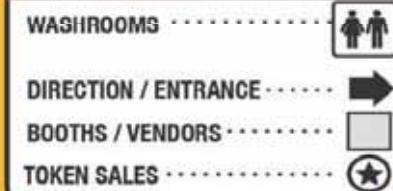
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from some select breweries at this year's Edmonton Craft Beer Festival, including Paddock Wood Brewing Company Czech Mate Pilsner.

"It's a classic beer with rich malts upfront, bitterness that dries the palate and a clean, crisp finish," Feenstra says.

"We are also pouring two 'rauchbiers,' which is a type of beer with a distinctive smoke flavour imparted by using malted barley dried over an open flame."

Other beers you can look forward to sam-

pling are Smoke Boss from The Dandy Brewing Company, and Roog from BraufactuM.

There will also be exciting food pairings with the beer. Watch for pulled pork sliders and Berlin bratwurst bites.

And if you don't get enough during the regular hours of the Edmonton Craft Beer Festival, Feenstra says The Underground is also excited to be hosting the festival's official after party.

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Two Sergeants Brewing marching into the market

On tap at local pubs

Two military veterans and beer lovers founded Two Sergeant's Brewing after enjoying a pint of homebrew last summer.

"It has been a whirlwind for us ever since," says Kevin Moore, who is retiring after 23 years in the Canadian Army.

He and Keith Edwards, who spent 23 years

in the British Royal Air Force, have been joined by a third partner, Richard Ross, a veteran of the British Royal Electromechanical Engineers (REME) Corps.

"The idea to open a brewery was conceived while drinking my homebrew in Keith's garage last summer," Moore says.

"Currently, we are contract brewing, renting brewing time off other breweries, and our first commercial beer, Bangalore

Torpedo, hit the market in late April."

The beer is on tap at a number of pubs, including The Underground Tap and Grill, and Beer Revolution. You can also find it in liquor stores around Alberta, including Wine and Beyond, and Sherbrooke Liquor. And they are looking forward to creating a new masterpiece later this summer.

"We have just ordered our own brewery equipment, which is scheduled for delivery in September, and we have leased commercial space in Fort Saskatchewan," Moore says. "The plan is to have our brew pub open and operational by October."

In the meantime, Moore says Two Sergeants Brewing is looking forward to serving its beer at the Edmonton Craft Beer Festival.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



“Did I mention an inspiring ceremony and more than a few solemn commitments followed the (1996) Erasmus-Dussault report? To look at this week’s headlines and the fresh start they allude to is to take a trip back in time.

Underwhelmed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s noncommittal response to the remedial prescriptions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission? Consider this: When Jean Chrétien was handed a similarly devastating royal commission report, it took him a year to respond with a formal apology for the mistreatment of Canada’s aboriginal peoples.

It was another seven years before the ruling Liberals put together a comprehensive action plan.

Set up in the dying days of Brian Mulroney’s tenure, the royal commission headed by George Erasmus and René Dussault spent five years on the report it handed the Chrétien government in 1996.

At 4,000 pages, it set a royal commission record as the most voluminous of its kind.

There were suggestions this week that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission — with 94 recommendations — has taken on more than anyone could chew. But Erasmus and Dussault had 400 recommendations.

As a measure of progress, the lesser number of prescriptions of this week’s commission report is a red herring. The two commissions came at the issue from different angles and there were 20 years between them, but their core findings are depressingly similar.

Did I mention that an inspiring ceremony and more than a few solemn commitments marked the politically well-attended publication of the Erasmus-Dussault re-

port? To look at this week’s headlines and the fresh start they allude to is to take a trip back in time.

The fiscal climate was not auspicious for the 20-year plan the Dussault-Erasmus commission put forward in 1996. The federal budget was still awash in red ink. The report came a year after the Quebec referendum, at a time when the Chrétien government had its hands full with the unity file.

It was almost another decade before the federal government under Paul Martin teamed up with the provinces and the aboriginal leadership to come up with a comprehensive response.

By that time, Canada has raked in budget surpluses for a number of years. Among other things, the ruling Liberals delivered tax cuts for all, a new child benefit for families, a major reinvestment in health care and seed money for a national child-care initiative before they turned their attention to the aboriginal file and the 2005

negotiation of the Kelowna Accord.

At that point, they were on their last legs in power. Martin’s minority government took the Kelowna Accord to its opposition grave a few months later.

All comparisons have limitations, but the repeat false starts on the aboriginal front — which also include at least two failed constitutional attempts — stand in sharp contrast with the energy marshalled on other Canadian game-changing policies.

Take Canada’s transition to linguistic duality.

Alarmed by the rise of Quebec nationalism, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson set up the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism in 1963.

In an interim report published two years later, it drew a less than flattering portrait of the country’s linguistic landscape and the second-class status of the French language and those who spoke it in Quebec and elsewhere in Canada.

By the time of its official report in 1969, Parliament

was already moving forward with the Official Languages Act. Ontario had set out to expand its French-language school system. The first French immersion schools were about to open.

Or take, on another front, the social policy revolution that was the introduction of a national medicare system in the 1960s. It took about a decade for Canada to implement it in every province.

As comprehensive as the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission may be, is anyone really arguing that their implementation would require more heavy lifting than that involved in putting French on a more equal footing with English within Canada’s institutions and education systems?

Their price tag pales in comparison with the start-up cost of a coast-to-coast-to-coast universal health-care system.

This is a federation that has largely managed to talk its way out of serious unity challenges and come up with an intercultural model that, while not perfect, works better than most.

But at the same time, inertia has increasingly become the default response of governments to both emerging and enduring challenges.

And that begs one question: When did Canada lose the political will to change its ways?

THE MICROTREND: Turning off the tap



Californians cut their water use **13.5 per cent** in April compared to the same month in 2013 — impressive, but short of the target of up to **36 per cent** in some

communities. By law, businesses, farms and families are all watching their water waste. Mandatory restrictions are in place to help the state get through the worst drought in its history.

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The Briefcase is a twisted new low for reality television

“What would you do if \$101,000 landed on your doorstep?”

That, in a honey-toned voice-over, is the premise of a new reality TV series that makes me want to puke.

The Briefcase exploits families in financial hardship by offering them money, and then forcing them to choose whether to be generous and give the cash to others who are also struggling.

“They’ll learn it’s not the money, but the journey that will teach them what they value most,” the voice-over intones.

What a twisted new low for reality TV.

Disclaimer: I don’t like watching obese British teens hunt in a Borneo jungle (Can Fat Teens Hunt?) or Swedes navigate life without democracy (Dictator).

But I get that many people do. Reality TV shows were three of the top five programs watched in Canada in late May, according to Numeris. That’s despite a ratings dip in the U.S., where slick dramas are pulling in top advertising dollars.

“Reality TV isn’t going anywhere,” Stuart Coxe, a reality TV producer and owner of Antica Productions, told me, “mostly because people watch it.”

That’s true for The Briefcase, which drew 6.87 million viewers to its premiere last

week, according to AdWeek. “Like it or not, there’s some entertainment value,” said AdWeek editor Lisa Granatstein.

I definitely do not like it.

But this isn’t a hate-on for all reality TV. I don’t, as Coxe describes the non-viewers, “assume it’s an incredibly vulgar, demeaning thing that’s corroding our culture.”

“(It) actually deals with a lot more facets of the modern condition more quickly than scripted (TV) can,” he argues.

The most popular shows also “play up the dignity of ordinary people and have more of a redemptive narrative,” he said.

The Briefcase is certainly angling for redemption, mixing sentimental guitar riffs under people crying at the thought of financial stability. But it won’t work.

Reality shows create a moral universe, Coxe noted, and the Briefcase’s universe is way off.

In it, poverty’s ills aren’t alleviated by health care, jobs or housing — but by a generous heart. In it, the only truly good people are the monk-like selfless poor.

That is crazy, especially since CBS, which makes the show, took in \$13.81 billion in revenue last year.

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The casual revolution

It's fashionable to be comfortable ... call it 'comfortcore'

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Who says you have to suffer for fashion? "Comfort" is the buzzword in style these days — comfortcore, if you will — as more and more women choose to kick up (and off) their heels in oversized knits, drawstring bottoms and the ever-practical sneaker.

"Casual and 'athleisure' have taken on a life of their own," declared the NPD Group in a report showing a one per cent increase in total U.S. apparel, footwear

and accessories sales from 2013 to 2014 — an additional \$2 billion the market researchers attributed largely to growth in sales of activewear, athletic performance footwear, and bags.

The spillover of the dressed-down look from the gym to the streets reflects a change in the way we look at fitness and health, says Alexandra Grant, fashion and lifestyle blogger at To Vogue or Bust. "Fitness and

health have had this almost renaissance in terms of being stylish," she says, and back in vogue is the athletic body type exalted in the '80s and early '90s before the waf-fad took hold. "I think as health in general and a healthy body type has had a resurgence, people are also celebrating that sort of casual dress that goes with it."

So how does one do comfortcore? Here's a roundup of essentials:

3 Summer of the sneaker



It's more fun hitting the hot pavement in a sturdy pair of kicks — and it's an easy look for comfortcore beginners, too. "If you would typically wear ballet slippers with skinny jeans and a leather jacket, you can just swap in your New Balance sneakers," says Grant. Pairing high-tops with a flouncy sundress also offers a contrast that gives the outfit a visual pop.

>> **Chuck Taylor All Star '70 by Comme des Garçons Play x Converse, \$155 (available in mid-June)**



4 That '80s look

Like the jumpsuit and prodigious shoulder pads before it, the slouchy sweater has risen from the neon-coloured ashes of the MTV decade. "I love the look of oversized, sort of '80s-inspired sweaters, just the really classic grey fleece ones," says Grant. She suggests pairing it with leather leggings in the winter, and in the summer, a feminine skirt or shorts — anything with "that kind of delicate touch to it, to give it a nice balance."

>> **Aloma crew sweatshirt by Roots, \$74**

6 Neat little package



Accessories are keeping it casual, too. "Incorporating a backpack into your look is really on-trend right now," says Grant.

"It encourages you to move a bit more — get on your bike and look stylish while doing it."

>> **City backpack by Herschel Supply, \$49.99**



5 They've got you covered

Did someone say granny panties? That's right — the comfortcore movement is underway among undies too, with a burgeoning market for fuller, high-waisted styles.

>> **Feminist underwear by Me and You, \$25 US**

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1 Cargo and go

The military-style jacket offers coverage against the elements and a relaxed feel — but don't go overboard with the rugged theme. As Grant says, "The best way to do (the athleisure trend) is to really not alter the rest of your look at all; just infuse one piece at a time." Matching a boxy jacket with a sleek top and heels will ensure you look ready to hit the boardwalk, not the barracks.

>> **Intrepid jacket by Gentle Fawn, \$145**

2 Room to breathe

The skinny pant may be ubiquitous, but when it comes to comfort, it's hard to beat the drawstring pant — loose-fitting, lightweight and, best of all, adjustable. Go from lounging on the couch to stepping out for brunch in a cinch, pun intended.

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Fan fic that gives a royal fug

SUMMER READING

Fug Girls take Will and Kate's romance for a novel romp

Henrietta Walmark
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When a little Kate Middleton fan fiction sweeps you off your feet and leaves you curled up on the loveseat binge-reading for the better part of the first gorgeous long weekend of the year, you know you've found the perfect summer read.

That was me on Victoria Day weekend, being royally entertained by *The Royal We*, a fictionalized recap of a decade-long royal romance, on a holiday honouring a 19th-century royal.

Leave it to Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan, the "fashion assassins" behind the delightfully snarky celebrity style blog *Go Fug Yourself*, to take the most talked-about romance of this century and twist it into a page turner of a novel. (Full disclosure: I once tweeted @fuggirls photo of Kate looking impossibly elegant mid-air while playing field hockey in a tartan McQ by McQueen coatdress.)

Cocks and Morgan's *The Royal We* (Grand Central Publishing, \$29) reimagines Will and Kate's story with American exchange student Rebecca as the commoner who finds herself falling for Prince Nicholas, heir to the British throne, when she spends a year at Oxford.

The idea of turning a fairy tale come true back into fiction arose organically out of a conversation the authors had with their agent, Morgan says, in a phone interview from Los Angeles.

"At the time we were just shooting the breeze talking about Kate Middleton. She makes everything look very easy, but we were saying that the reality can't be easy. It must be very difficult to live in that bright a spotlight," says Morgan.

"We started talking about how surreal it must have been for her to go from being a wealthy person — but a very regular middle-class, civilian girl — to being married to Prince William and what that transition must have been like for her."

The *Royal We* is based on Kate and William, she says,



Kate and William on their wedding day. GETTY IMAGES



We felt very free to just start making stuff up

Co-author Jessica Morgan

"but once we started writing it, Nick and Bex became their own people for us. We used the main signposts of their relationship, the length of it, the meeting at university but, obviously, none of us really know what happens behind closed doors."

"Because so much of the book is about their private life I think we felt very free to just start making stuff up."

Bex has a twin sister, Lacey, and Nick a roguish younger brother named Freddie — siblings who create complications for the couple — and there is, of course, Nick and Freddie's rather formidable grandmother, Queen Eleanor, all Royal We characters who are clearly based in fact.

"But the tertiary royal

family characters are very fictional," says Morgan.

"I think if William and Kate were to read the book — which obviously I hope they're reading it right now," Morgan says, laughing, "I think they would like it."

"It's a sympathetic take on what they go through, actually."

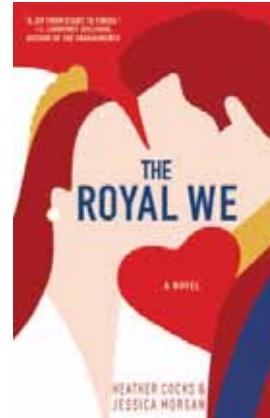
The *Royal We* is the first adult novel for Cocks and Morgan. In addition to creating *Go Fug Yourself*, the duo have also co-authored two young adult books, *Spoiled* and *Messy*.

The pair met online when they were both writing for *Television Without Pity*, now defunct, but in the early 2000's the big clearinghouse for recaps on the Internet.

When Heather got a job in Los Angeles, Morgan says, "I was like, I'll take you out for a drink, and I did. The rest is history. We really hit it off. We've been friends ever since."

And co-writers.

"People wonder how we do it," says Morgan. "For us



Authors Heather Cocks, left, and Jessica Morgan. INSTAGRAM

Morgan says, laughing.

That attention to detail not only grounds the story but gives *The Royal We* its zing. Bex and Nick bond over junk treats and Netflix binges of a trash TV show, long before she falls for him. That the course of their love doesn't run smooth is a given. It's the naughty and darker bits that are unexpectedly nice.

The Royal We is a confection of a tale, but a satisfying one, a romantic romp carried by Cocks and Morgan's storytelling.

Morgan says they will write another novel, although they're still caught up in *The Royal We* after the book's very tight turnaround; Morgan and Cocks handed in the final copy edit in January and the book came out in April.

"We're still coming out of our fog. We're still living in our fictional land, so we haven't really nailed down what we're going to do next," she says. "Definitely we'll write another book, absolutely, but we don't know what yet."



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Sue Carter



A Botox injection dramatically transforms the personality of an unhappy woman. After discovering her birth was the result of artificial insemination, an angry teenager hires a detective to find her donor father. While many characters in Irina Kovalyova's whip-smart debut story collection *Specimen* struggle with identity, the Vancouver author couldn't escape her own training as a scientist.

"I write about what defines us or what we think defines us. But it's very much science-informed," Kovalyova says.

Growing up in Belarus, Kovalyova started writing stories when she was only six; later drawn to early 20th-century Russian and British avant-garde and sci-fi fiction. "I really liked the possibilities of science and what it can do and the future it offered," she says.

Then in high school, Kovalyova discovered chemistry. "I was in awe. The drama of it was just extraordinary," she says. "I loved the explosions and mixing things to create something new."

Beyond the fact that Kovalyova, who now lives in Vancouver, gets up at 4 a.m. daily to write, her resume is exhausting. After studying chemistry in Moscow, she moved to the U.S., receiving her Master's degree from Brown University, then a doctoral degree in microbiology from Queen's University, followed by an MFA

in creative writing from UBC.

But it's interacting with her students at Simon Fraser University — where she's currently a professor — that most inspired *Specimen*, published by House of Anansi Press.

Kovalyova credits the dystopian story "Peptide p," written as a scientific report tracking a bizarre disease that attacks children who ate hot dogs, as stemming from her teaching

of writing in science.

Like Kovalyova, Toronto author Alexis von Konigsbow's training in math and physics at Queen's University partly inspired her debut novel, *The Capacity for Infinite Happiness*, published by Buckrider Books.

Set at a summer resort — based on the Muskoka Lodge, a Jewish vacation spot owned by von Konigsbow's family in

the 1920s and '30s — the story follows Emily Kogan, a mathematician researching the social network of her Russian-immigrant family.

Von Konigsbow says, "There's an elegance and simplicity and beauty to math that's hard to explain. It's very similar to writing: it has its own vocabulary, and way of asking and answering questions and going very deep into a subject



Irina Kovalyova, author of Specimen Stories. CONTRIBUTED

that's very fun and rewarding."

In a parallel storyline, *The Capacity for Infinite Happiness* travels back to reveal Emily's dark family secrets,

intertwined with those of their famous guests: the comedic Marx Brothers.

Although von Konigsbow grew up loving Chico, Harpo and Groucho, she never planned to include them in the story.

"I was almost finished the draft, but the idea came so naturally and forcefully I had to put them in," she says. "Connections kept making themselves when I was writing. It's just like math."

Sue Carter is editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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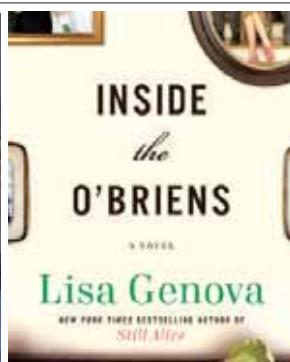
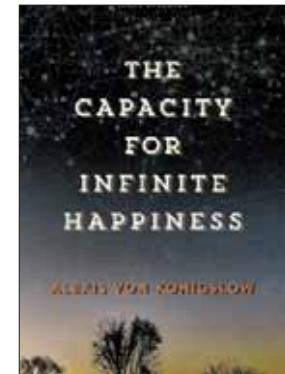
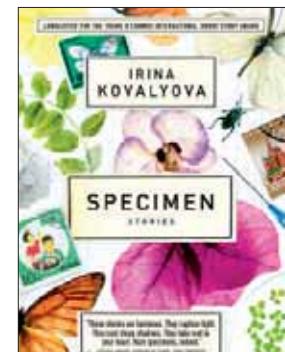


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Lisa Genova explores the inexorable effects of Huntington's disease in her new novel *Inside the O'Briens*. HANDOUT

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A deeper look Inside Huntington's disease

Best-selling novelist Lisa Genova was a young college grad working as a technician in a Boston neuroscience lab in 1993 when a raucous celebration erupted in another laboratory down the hall.

There was good reason: Researchers had finally isolated the mutated gene that causes Huntington's disease, one of humankind's cruellest disorders.

Genova, who went on to become a neuroscientist before turning to writing, knew she was witnessing a historic moment in the field. "And I remember thinking: 'Oh my God, they're going to cure this disease.'"

It was the memory of that eureka moment that led her to write about Huntington's in her latest novel, *Inside the O'Briens* — a story of a veter-

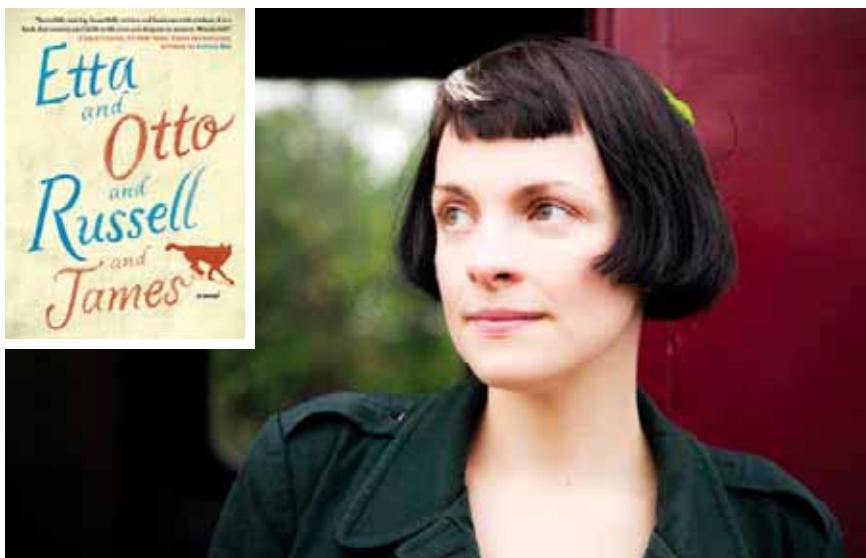
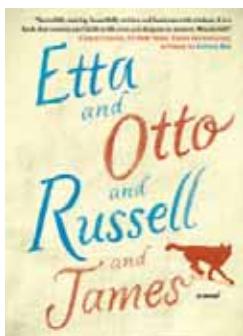
eran Boston cop in his early 40s who is diagnosed with Huntington's and the devastating effects on his family.

Genova says the book is meant to raise awareness about the disease and the urgent need for research dollars to find effective treatments — and ideally a cure.

"Most people don't know what it is," she says of the disorder, which over time is

marked by involuntary and often violent jerking of the head, neck and limbs, as well as cognitive decline and impaired speech.

While Genova doesn't shy away from describing Huntington's inexorable effects — in fact, the book's unblinking description of the disease is one of its strengths — *Inside the O'Briens* is anything but bleak. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Main: Emma Hooper's debut novel (inset) takes readers on a journey. MARTIN TOMPKINS/CONTRIBUTED

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LITERATURE

Canadian-born author comes home with her debut novel

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York City

Emma Hooper's much-lauded debut novel, *Etta and Otto and Russell and James*, started out a very different book than it turned out to be.

The book follows Etta, a woman in her 80s, who rises one morning to walk across Canada's prairie land all the way until she sees the ocean. By way of an explanation, she leaves a

note to her husband Otto and some recipes, so he can cook for himself.

"Originally, I had Otto going on the journey," Hooper told us. "Then I had a feminist realization that I was doing that as a socially imposed automatic reaction where the man does (his) thing and the woman waits. I thought it would be much more interesting if I swapped it around."

Hooper had her own Etta-like journey, albeit on a smaller scale. The author participated in the Land's End to John O'Groats bike ride in England, an 875-mile trek that takes almost three months to complete.

"I loved spending all day just moving forward," said Hooper, who now lives in the U.K. "It was very meditative ... I just like that

goal, to always move forward."

That said, Hooper was not a fan of camping at night and trying to find a semi-dry place to lay her head. She said she spent the tour perpetually cold and wet.

"That's why I gave Etta a summer journey in Canada," she said.

Despite her trip, Hooper said she doesn't necessarily feel more connected to Etta than the book's other three primary characters. The novel is told through multiple narratives, which Hooper said helped give her momentum as a writer.

"I think I'm just a distractible human," she said. "I liked jumping between them because if I ran out of something to say from one character's point of view, I could just be one of the other characters for a while."

PUBLISHING

Shonda Rhimes said yes to Simon & Schuster

Shonda Rhimes' first book will have a positive message. The award-winning showrunner and creator of *Grey's Anatomy* and *Scandal* has an agreement with Simon & Schuster for *Year of Yes*, the publisher announced this week.

Rhimes was inspired to write the book, coming in November, after she was

dared in December 2013 to for one year say yes to unexpected invitations.

In a statement issued through Simon & Schuster, Rhimes said she had not planned to tell about her year of challenges. But, in the spirit of taking chances, she couldn't turn down Simon & Schuster's suggestion to write a book.

"I had no choice — what else could I say but yes?" she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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BIKINI TRENDS THAT ARE HEATING UP

Swim season is almost here — and with the new season come fresh trends in swimwear. Looking to liven up your bathing suit collection? Check out the looks that swim experts say will continue trending hard all summer long.

MARIANNE HAYES/METRO IN NEW YORK



SWIMSUIT BY CLEONIE

1 **SPORTY****Athleisure hits the beach**

Athletic girls can rejoice: Sporty two-pieces are seriously in. "Athletic as an overall trend has been really strong for us," says Rose Jannuzzi, SVP of Operations for SwimSpot, an online bathing suit retailer based in the U.S. "And it's great because a lot of these pieces can actually be used in an active manner."

In other words, designers are keeping things like water sports and beach volleyball in mind. As a result, multi-use swimwear that can be worn both in the gym pool and by the beach has established itself as a strong trend for summer. This translates to longer bikini tops, more supportive structures, and embellishments like zippers.



SWIMSUIT BY CLEONIE

2

FORGET SPAGHETTI STRAPS**Halter top hotness**

Forget strapless; one of the most popular looks in swimwear right now is the high halter top. "It's definitely one of our stronger sellers," says Jannuzzi, adding that the overall look creates the illusion of a larger chest.

Jeannette Roger, co-owner of the Nic del Mar boutique in South Florida, says that popular swim brands like Mikoh, Beach Riot/Stone Cold Fox, and Acacia are all putting their own spins on the trend. "It's great for the girl who wants to be a little bit sporty and a little bit trendy at the same time," says Roger. "Women from 15 to 50 all want to wear those particular brands."



SWIMSUIT BY SURFACE TOO DEEP

3

SOPHISITATION**High-waisted femininity**

We've seen quite a few overly sexy one-piece cutouts over the last couple of swim seasons, as well as the re-emergence of the high-waisted bikini.

This year, it's all about refining the look to create a more delicate feel. The final result is a swimsuit that leaves a little more to the imagination. According to Jannuzzi, cutouts that are more elegant than revealing are in high demand.

All in all, expect to see bathing suits that are feminine and subtly sexy (as opposed to in-your-face revealing). PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

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Chris Brown is a bad passenger

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Singer berates 'old ass' flight attendant, tries to hotbox plane

IN HOLLYWOOD

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Chris Brown really needs to work on his people skills.

In the latest round of faux pas by the embattled singer, Brown reportedly made life hell for the crew of a private jet.

The singer apparently was "smoking a ton of pot" despite FAA regulations and requests he stop, according to Us Weekly.

"He blew smoke at a flight attendant and said, 'I paid \$60,000 for this jet, so I own it and everyone inside,'" a source says.

He also took aim at another flight attendant: "He told her, 'What is your old ass doing here anyway? I like to have the help be people I'd actually like to f—,'" the source adds.

Charming, that one.

Also, Chris? Hotboxing a jet and being a jerk to the crew is basically where Justin Bieber was behaviour-wise more than a year ago, so step up your game. And



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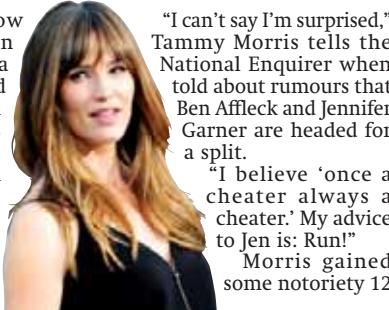
Stripper advises Jennifer Garner to 'run' from Affleck

How do you know your marriage is in trouble? When a stripper purported to be involved in your husband's last big breakup is chiming in — on the record, using her real name — about how you should kick him to the curb.

"I can't say I'm surprised," Tammy Morris tells the National Enquirer when told about rumours that Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner are headed for a split.

"I believe 'once a cheater always a cheater.' My advice to Jen is: Run!"

Morris gained some notoriety 12



years ago when she went on the record claiming Affleck had cheated on then-fiancée Jennifer Lopez with her.

For her part, Morris is really just disappointed in Affleck, which is kind of the icing on the cake here.

"I was really hoping Ben had turned his life around," she says. "He married the all-American girl. It's too bad he couldn't make it work." Oof.

A DEADLY ADOPTION

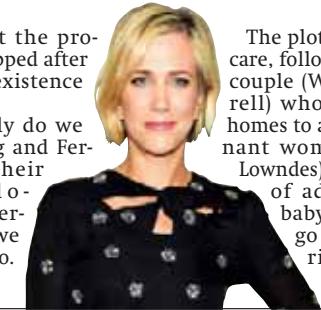
Wiig's Lifetime movie back on

Don't worry, fans of ridiculous camp, that top-secret Lifetime movie starring Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig that wasn't going to happen is apparently actually going to happen again. And soon.

A billboard for A Deadly Adoption featuring the two stars popped up in L.A. this week with an airdate of June 20, despite claims by Ferrell

in April that the project was scrapped after news of its existence leaked.

So not only do we still get Wiig and Ferrell doing their best mello-dramatic overacting, but we get it soon, too. Score.



The plot, in case you care, follows a married couple (Wiig and Ferrell) who open their homes to a young pregnant woman (Jessica Lowndes) in the hopes of adopting her baby, but things go terribly, terribly wrong, naturally.

I AM CAIT

E! releases promo for Caitlyn Jenner documentary series

The E! Entertainment network says its documentary series on Caitlyn Jenner premiering next month will be titled I Am Cait, and is showing a promo video for the series depicting her applying makeup.

The Olympic champion is

featured in an eight-episode series depicting her transition from a man to a woman that will debut July 26.

E! ramped up promotion Wednesday by releasing a video of Jenner applying lipstick while sitting at a makeup table. She says for

the first time a professional had come in and ap-



plied makeup for her. "What a difference," she says.

While driving near her California home in the video, Jenner declares: "I'm the new normal."

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Tech behind units of the future

CONDOS

Office towers could be repurposed for community



CONDOS
Duncan McAllister

The new film Tomorrowland premiered in theatres last week, and audiences got a taste of the whimsical, futuristic city of needle-shaped skyscrapers and flying cars.

What is now science fiction is poised to become reality sooner than you might expect, as new technological innovations become standard fare for Canadian homes.

Architects and manufacturers are collaborating with the real-estate and construction industries to devise advanced new products and building materials. Condominiums of the future will be geared towards convenience, safety and the security of their occupants.

Canadian architectural firm Onespace Unlimited specializes in hotel and condominium projects across

the country. In one future-looking concept, the company reimagined a financial district 100 years from now. OneVision is a Tomorrowland-like community where skyscraper office towers are converted into vertical cities, replete with interconnecting skyways, helicopter landing pads and aerial parks.

In the acclaimed 1970s book Future Shock, futurist Alvin Toffler envisioned residents living in vacant office towers. Fast-forward 40 years and Onespace president Rod Rowbotham says it's happening now. He imagines a highly connected world where there's no need to travel or "gather" at a place of work.

"At a moment's notice, you can be sitting in your living room with multiple translucent displays and you can be talking to people in all parts of the country."

As a result,

he adds, there will be a lot of surplus office towers, repurposed for community use. Imagine a police station on the 51st floor of a building, for example. "We don't look at architecture as a result of something. Whatever shapes it is happening because of us as people."

Rowbotham says that although the condo industry

The condo market is a little slow moving when it comes to adapting to technology

Onespace Unlimited president Rod Bowbotham



ABOVE: A concept by Onespace Unlimited that reimagines the transformation of financial districts into vertical cities with dense living spaces connected by transportation networks.

RIGHT: Talk to your fridge? There's an app for that. LG HomeChat literally lets you chat with your appliances from your mobile device.

is slow to adapt, these amazing advances are just around the corner.

All of that interesting technology is out there, but it's not in practice yet. The condo market is a little slow moving when it comes to



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adapting to technology."

With the evolution of the Internet of things, über-smart, network-connected appliances will be standard features in every condo. Software systems are now available that monitor all the de-

vices in your home.

Nest Labs is a pioneer in the area of home automation. Spokesperson Zoz Cuccias says the company has made its innovative learning technology open to independent developers.

COMING SOON

Technologies to feature in new developments

Self-healing paint

Imagine your condo painted so you'd never have to touch up scratches again. New paint technologies that employ self-healing polymers are already available on the market.

Solar panel windows

Researchers have developed a fully transparent solar cell that could turn every window into an energy source. The technology also lends itself to exterior siding and pavement. Think of all those condo windows as a mini power plant.

Smart elevators

To save energy, the lights and fan won't run until there are people in the cab. Also, there won't be any buttons to push. That's because the intuitive elevator will know where you intend to go. If you live in the penthouse, the system can use GPS to tell when you're arriving and summon the car to the ground floor.

Car-charging stations

Builders are pre-wiring underground parking lots with electric-car charging stations. DUNCAN McALLISTER

OUTDOORS

3 tricks boost balcony space

Carson Arthur
For Metro

Nothing says summer like fresh evening air and a cold drink in your hand. It's the perfect way to wrap up a long day at the office or, better yet, an even longer day at the beach.

But when you're limited by space, relaxation can easily turn to frustration if you haven't got the right setup. I call it "patio envy."

Here are my Top 3 hacks to make the most of your balcony

space this year:

Think vertically!

It always surprises me how often walls are overlooked outdoors. Vertical walls in a small outdoor space or a balcony are the perfect spot to add character without cluttering the rest of the area. Make the most of yours with vertical gardens or outdoor art. Another great trick is installing a hinged wall-mounted table that gives you extra serving space when needed, or folds away to make room for more seating.

Get growing

Who says you can't garden on a patio? Get beyond terracotta pots with this year's must-have: the raised planter bed. The key is choosing a custom design that makes sense for your space. With DIY here to stay, companies have gotten really good at helping novice builders get started. MicroPro Sienna wood is a fantastic choice for a raised bed because it looks great and it's affordable. Best of all, it has set new environmental benchmarks, so it won't leach toxins into soil. You can

request easy-to-follow plans on its website to get the look and make a statement on your balcony.

Maximize empty spaces

Clutter in a small space can easily overwhelm. Take a look at the spaces that aren't being used and make them work for you. My favourite unused space is under benches. Built-in seating on balconies is a great way to add storage for toys, tools, and other outdoor goodies. Not to mention the space under that custom planter! It's per-



A raised planter box adds a garden to your balcony while creating storage. MICROPRO SIENNA BY BOB GUNDU

fect for keeping extra blankets and pillows on hand.

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STYLING HACKS FOR YOUR HOUSEPLANTS

When it comes to decor, plants are all the rage. But you can't buy any old plant, plop it down in its flimsy plastic container and expect it to transform your place. We hit up Brooklyn-based plant designer Lisa Muñoz of LeafandJune.com. The certified horticulturist and self-proclaimed "plant lady" shares some of her best styling tips. TINA CHADHA/METRO IN NEW YORK



1 Flowers not required

Can't find decent flowers? Try philodendron leaves instead. "It's a nice way of adding an accent without having a potted plant or cut flowers that only last a few days," says Muñoz. She says these should last about seven to 10 days.



2 In the corner

"Corners are great for a splash of green," Muñoz recommends creating a grouping and experimenting with various heights of plants and planters. In this group, she used a bird's nest fern ("which unlike a lot of ferns likes bright light") and a fiddle leaf fig. "It's a really nice statement piece," she says. Muñoz also placed a watermelon peperomia on a vintage stool. She loves scouring flea markets for old items to use as stands.



3 Trailing greens

"Trailing plants work really well on a shelf. It creates such a nice waterfall effect and you take advantage of the height of the shelves," says Muñoz. She used a pothos plant in this brownstone bathroom. Another takeaway: Some plants — such as humidity-loving ferns — work especially well in a bathroom.

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4 Creative surface space

Don't let your lack of surface space stop you from peppering your home with houseplants. Muñoz says some plants work well with bright light and heat and can be placed right on top of a radiator. In this room she used an aloe plant, a pencil cactus and a dracaena reflexa. The trick: "Any plant I put on a radiator, I put a little cork plate underneath," she says. "In the winter you just want to check the soil a little more frequently to make sure it's not super dry."



5 Low-light foliage

Don't have a lot of light, but still crave greenery? Muñoz says your best bet is a ZZ (short for *Zamioculcas zamiifolia*, pictured on the right of the mantel) or snake plant (on the side tables). "Snake plants are super versatile," says the expert. "They're actually all over tropical regions but you can also throw one in a closet and forget about it and it will still be alive months later."

DECOR

Bouquet of fresh floral prints brings spring indoors

Floral motifs pop up every spring in home-furnishing collections, but this year, there seem to be more of them than ever, and they feel particularly fresh.

New York interior designer Elaine Griffin says it began a few seasons back with a movement toward kinder, gentler silhouettes and patterns.

"Design has been trending toward a subtle but high-impact femininity," she says.

Floral chintz is back from the 1980s, but it's a looser, more relaxed version. And the cottage prints that in the past

could be dowdy are more light-hearted. Also in the mix: bold, geometric flower motifs and ethnic floral patterns.

Some vintage prints reinterpret florals through a mid-century lens for a fresh take on both styles. But you'll also find more painterly designs, with a wistful watercolor look.

The new florals can go just about anywhere, says Griffin.

"For conservative spaces, co-ordinate complementary fabrics with the darkest hue in the floral," she says. "For zippier, more modern rooms, bring out the brightest hues

of the pattern."

She advises making oversize floral patterns the star of the room. Pair them with textured solids or subtle stripes, and don't overdo it by adding a bunch of distracting prints.

Be mindful where you plant your flowers, too.

"Avoid florals on big and long-lived upholstered pieces like sofas," says Griffin. "They're a better bet for armchairs, ottomans and window treatments, which you can change more easily if you tire of the pattern."

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A bucket chair gets the floral treatment. HOMEGOODS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A lavender bloom stars in this bedding set. HOMEGOODS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A demitasse features fresh green and white. HOMEGOODS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"This is probably the best I've been" — LeBron James on the eve of the NBA Finals

Thursday, June 4, 2015



'Hawks rally for Game 1 win

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Chicago takes early series lead on pair of late goal

If these playoffs have proven anything about the Chicago Blackhawks, it's that they don't go down easily.

A rough start in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final was merely a stumbling block for the Blackhawks as they came back to beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 Wednesday night at Amalie Arena to take the series lead.

Tuovo Teravainen and Antoine Vermette scored two goals in under two minutes in the third period to stun a sell-out crowd. It was a matter of time before Chicago broke through after dominating and testing Ben Bishop for the latter stages of the game.

"I thought our team got better and better as the game went on," said Blackhawks forward Patrick Sharp.

"There's a belief in our room that we're never out of any game, no matter the score," he added.

Bishop finished with 19 saves and Chicago's Corey Crawford had 22. Alex Killorn scored Tampa Bay's lone goal early on a highlight-reel deflection.

GAME 1 in Tampa, Fla.



Game 2 is Saturday night at Tampa Bay.

In the first Cup final game in Tampa since 2004, the Lightning jumped all over the Blackhawks from the opening faceoff. Killorn shot wide and Valtteri Filppula fanned on two chances in the game's first minute.

Two shifts later, that line of Killorn, Filppula and Steven Stamkos cashed in. Stamkos sent the puck deep into Chicago's end, where Filppula beat Duncan Keith to the puck and got it to Anton Stralman at the point.

As Stralman's shot was fluttering toward the net like a knuckleball, Killorn eyed up the puck and batted it behind his back and in on a bounce. Just 4:31 in, the Lightning had the lead.

Killorn's goal was his eighth of the playoffs, and his 17th point tied him with Stamkos for third on the team.

Penalty kills were clicking, and Bishop made a save on Pat-

14

According to the NHL, it was the 14th third-period comeback in these playoffs



Blackhawks forward Tuovo Teravainen celebrates the game-tying goal against the Lightning on Wednesday night in Tampa, Fla. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

rick Kane late in the first period to keep the Lightning up.

The Blackhawks endured a nine-minute, 31-second shot drought in the second period, broken when Brad Richards fired away from the slot.

Bishop was there to make

another key save, and the Lightning counted on him to make more as the night wore on.

Tampa Bay endured a shot drought of 13:22 from late in the second until a Ryan Callahan breakaway in the third.

Crawford's save on Callahan

kept the Blackhawks in striking distance, and then Teravainen broke up Bishop's shutout bid.

The rookie's shot went through a ton of traffic and beat the goaltender clean at 13:28 of the third to tie it.

"I just tried to shoot high there and sometimes good things happen," Teravainen said.

A turnover by J.T. Brown led to Vermette's goal at 15:26 that gave the Blackhawks the lead.

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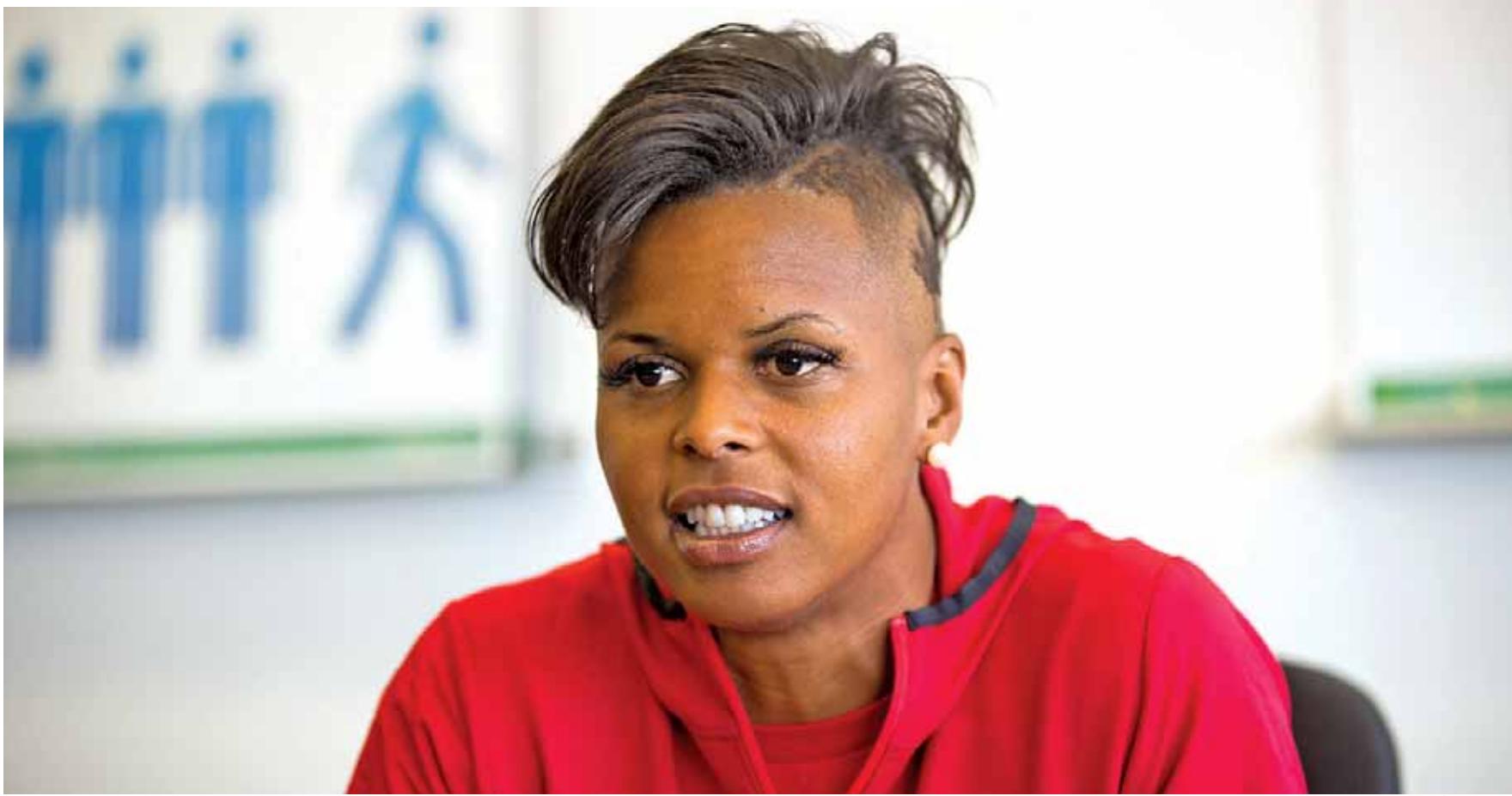
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Metro Talks Karina LeBlanc



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Canada 'keeper sits down to talk Women's World Cup



Leah Holioday
Metro | Edmonton

In one month, Karina LeBlanc will hang up her cleats and retire from a 17-year career with the Canadian women's national team.

While the countdown to the close of her career is on — a career that includes an Olympic bronze medal, three Pan American Games and four FIFA Women's World Cup appearances — the Maple Ridge, B.C., product said she has one thing on her mind.

That's Saturday. That's



Peanut butter or Nutella? Peanut butter

Favourite food? Mango

35-year-old goalkeeper and her teammates begin their 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup campaign on Saturday against China at Commonwealth Stadium.

After nearly two decades playing the sport, LeBlanc says not much can phase her. However, preparing for a World Cup on home turf can bring back rookie butterflies.

"I don't think anything ever prepares you for that," LeBlanc said at the Metro Edmonton office on Wednesday. "It's not only the pride and proudest of playing in front of your friends, family and

countrymen, but it's the emotions that come with that."

LeBlanc is one of 23 players playing for Canada, ranging in age from 17-year-old

newcomer Jessie Fleming, to veterans Rhian Wilkinson, 33 and Melissa Trancredi, 33.

Despite the age gaps, LeBlanc says the team has fully jelled and ready to compete.

"It doesn't matter your age, it doesn't matter your

experience, it's the fact that we have this tight family and this family is going to connect in front of the bigger family, which is the country."

The Canadian women's team has come a long way since its struggles at the 2011 World Cup LeBlanc said.

"We gave what we thought was our best and we came dead last," LeBlanc said.

Despite that disappointment, the team was able to regroup and pull together to secure the bronze

medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

pics.

"It's incredible all of the different emotions (you experience) in a short time, but I think one of the great lessons is that anything is possible if you believe in it," she said.

With nothing on her mind right now except the World Cup (nope, there's no plan for after retirement quite yet), LeBlanc said she'll be looking to the Canadian crowd to push the team into its highest gear.

"It is imperative that people don't show up quiet. They show up loud," LeBlanc said.

"They show up in red."

"There will be moments in this World Cup, where Canadians help us win."

CONTROVERSY

From concerns over artificial turf to FIFA's bribery scandal, controversy has not been in short supply ahead of the Women's World Cup.

But Karina LeBlanc says her mind is only on the field of play.

"We've worked since the last World Cup every single day for this one and I don't think anything is going to take away from that for us," she said.

Much has been made of the artificial turf being used instead of regular grass.

LeBlanc said the team was always prepared.

"I can't speak for other countries," she said. "Every team is going to bring their best and I think every team has dealt with the issues of turf or grass. I know for us, our focus has been on the World Cup."

LeBlanc says she hasn't paid much attention to the high-level bribery scandal amongst FIFA executives.

"I'm not even focused on that, to be honest. I don't think any of the athletes playing in this tournament are focused on that."

It is imperative that people don't show up quiet. They show up loud. They show up in red.

Karina LeBlanc



Favourite drink? Coconut water

Second favourite sport? Basketball

Person you most admire? My parents

Athlete you most admire? Michael Jordan

Favourite match ever? The final of the 2015 Women's World Cup

Favourite hair colour? Red

Hair spray, mousse or cream? Hair spray

Messi or Ronaldo? (Manuel) Neuer, the goalkeeper from Germany

Breakout star of the World Cup? The Canadian women's national team

City you're most excited to play in? Vancouver

World Cup final matchup? Canada versus the next best team



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Her few words have kick

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

When Sinclair speaks her teammates pay attention

John Herdman usually doesn't speak to his team in the locker-room after games. The Canadian women's soccer coach prefers to talk later, when heads are cooler.

But in the wake of the crushing 4-3 extra-time loss to the United States in the semifinals at the 2012 Olympics, Herdman knew he had to say something sooner than later. As he walked through the tunnels toward the dressing room at Old Trafford, Herdman told team psychiatrist Ceri Evans his plan.

"He said, 'Look, I think you're right. Let's script some things and make sure we get the message right, because you won't get another chance at this,'" Herdman recalled.

As they approached the dressing room, equipment manager Maeve Glass came out. She was crying.

"She said 'Look, you don't need to go in there, it's done ... Christine (captain Christine Sinclair) just spoke to the team in a way she's never spoke to them before.' And there wasn't a dry eye in the room."



She'll let other people take the lead in general but when something needs to be said, she's the first to say it.

Rhian Wilkinson



Following a heartbreaking loss in the semifinals of the 2012 Olympics, captain Christine Sinclair rallied Canada to a bronze medal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

153

Sinclair, who turns 32 on June 12, has 153 goals in 223 appearances.

never been more proud to be their teammate. That the end result didn't happen against the Americans but I've never been more proud to wear that shirt. And that if heading into London, somebody would have said 'You're going to be playing for a bronze medal,' we would have taken it in a heartbeat. And I'm not leaving London without one.

"And I told them I had

to be said. Cool if it had an impact on people."

It's typically modest Sinclair, who avoids the spotlight as if it was toxic. She likes to reduce her leadership skills to little more than leading by example. But her post-game address at the Theatre of Dreams sparked the team.

The Canadian women picked themselves off the floor and went on to defeat France 1-0 for the bronze medal thanks to a Diana Matheson goal in stoppage time.

The medal came 13 months after Canada finished dead last at the 2011 World Cup.

She's no ranter, says Herdman. She leads in a very subtle way.

"And I think often the best leaders, they don't say much but when they speak, people listen. Because they don't say much."

"And Christine works like that. She always says, 'My leadership is in what you see out on the pitch. I lead by example.' But she's more than that. And I think what she's developed in the time I've been there is knowing that her voice has a huge impact on this team and there are moments she has to step up."

Canada, ranked eighth in the world, kicks off the Women's World Cup against No. 16 China on Saturday in Edmonton.

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Alex Morgan has scored 51 goals in 84 international appearances for the United States. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Morgan returns to the pitch

+ TROPHY CASE

The United States won World Cups in 1991 and 1999, as well as three straight Olympic gold medals.

Alex Morgan was back for the U.S. national team's first practice in Canada in preparation for the Women's World Cup.

Morgan had been limited in practice and held out of the team's last three matches as a precaution because of a bone bruise in her left knee. Morgan appeared agile Wednesday afternoon in Winnipeg during the brief part of training open to the media.

The United States will need her proven scoring ability as the team tries to win its third World Cup title, and first since 1999. The tournament opens on Saturday with host Canada's group

stage match against China. The United States opens play on Monday against Australia.

To date, Morgan has 51 goals and 32 assists in 84 international appearances. Earlier this year in a 1-0 victory over England, she scored in her 79th international match to become the

third-fastest American woman to reach the 50-goal mark behind Michelle Akers (49 games) and Abby Wambach (64).

Coach Jill Ellis said she was "very pleased with the progress" that Morgan has made.

Also returning was midfielder Megan Rapinoe, who had a sore quadriceps and missed the U.S. team's 0-0 draw against South Korea last Saturday in New Jersey. It was the first time the Americans were shut out at home since 2008, also by South Korea. But the U.S. extended its home unbeaten streak to 96 since November 2004 (84-0-12).

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IN BRIEF

Djokovic halts Nadal's Roland Garros dominance

Novak Djokovic ended Rafael Nadal's 39-match French Open winning streak by beating the nine-time champion in a surprisingly lopsided quarterfinal 7-5, 6-3, 6-1 on Wednesday.

Before that, Nadal had won four championships in a row at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament. The No. 1-ranked Djokovic lost all six previous matches he'd played against Nadal in Paris, including the 2012 and 2014 finals. Andy Murray, who defeated David Ferrer 7-6(4), 6-2, 5-7, 6-1, awaits Djokovic in the semifinals.

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Tanaka picks up where he left off as Yanks sweep M's

Garrett Jones and Mark Teixeira homered, Masahiro Tanaka gave up one run over seven innings in his return from the disabled list and the New York Yankees completed a three-game sweep of Seattle Mariners with a 3-1 victory Wednesday.

Tanaka (3-1) made his first start in more than a month and did not miss a beat. Despite being on an 80-pitch limit in his return, Tanaka got through seven innings and struck out nine batters.

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BoSox's Rodriguez the real deal through 2 starts

Eduardo Rodriguez followed up his brilliant major-league debut by allowing one run and two hits in seven innings, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 in the opener of a day-night doubleheader Wednesday.

In his previous start, Rodriguez led Boston to a 5-1 win at Texas in which he left after giving up three hits in 7-2/3 shutout innings.

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Blatter receives standing ovation from FIFA staff

A day after announcing his decision to resign, Sepp Blatter was back at work at FIFA headquarters on Wednesday as the corruption crisis continued to unfold.

Staff described Blatter as being emotional during a 10-minute address, and said he received a standing ovation. Meanwhile, Interpol added six men with ties to FIFA to its most wanted list.

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RECIPE Shrimp and Macaroni Salad



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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes

Ingredients

- 8 oz macaroni or small shell pasta
- 12 oz peeled and deveined raw shrimp
- ½ cup light mayonnaise
- ¼ cup low-fat sour cream
- ¼ cup sweet tomato chili sauce or ketchup
- ½ cup minced green bell pepper
- ½ cup minced red bell pepper
- ½ cup minced red onion
- ¼ cup chopped fresh dill or parsley
- pinch freshly ground black pepper

Directions

- Cook the macaroni in a pot of boiling water for eight to 10 minutes, or until tender but firm.
- Drain, rinse under cold running water and drain thoroughly.
- If using large or jumbo shrimp, cut into halves. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium-high heat. Cook until pink, about two minutes.
- Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream and chili sauce in a small bowl and mix well.
- Combine the green and red pepper, onion, dill, pepper, pasta, shrimp and dressing in a serving bowl. Toss to coat well. Chill before serving.

Nutrition per serving

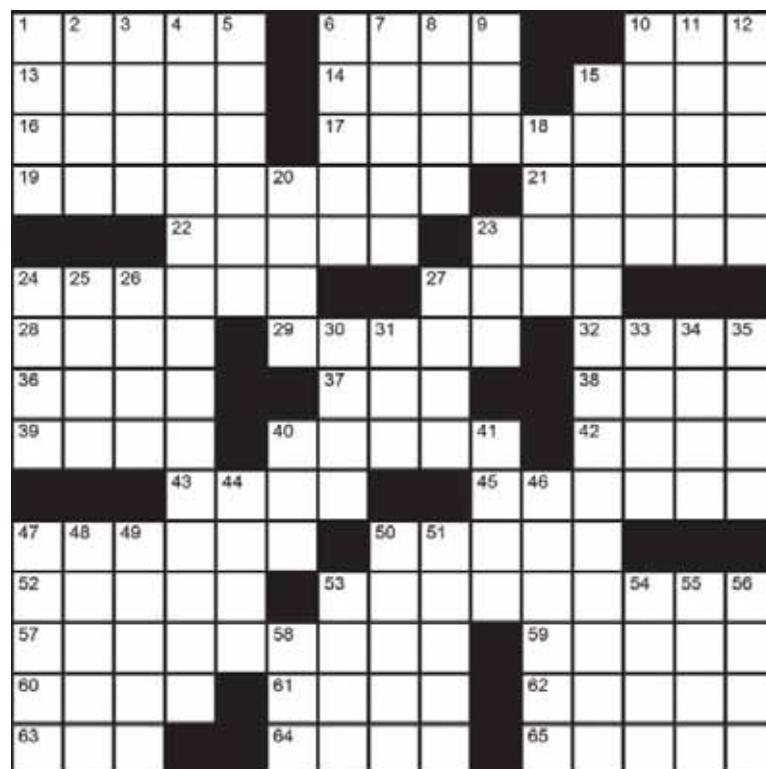
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- Protein 22 g
- Fat 9 g
- Cholesterol 99 mg
- Sodium 283 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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- Big divide
- Web address starter
- ‘S’ in SPCA [abbr.]
- Espresso style
- Cincinnati’s home
- Early helicopter
- Molecular bits
- Chapped skin product: 2 wds.
- Great Big Sea song about a real life Beothuk woman of Newfoundland: “— Dream”
- & Hawk (Juno-winning band from Winnipeg)
- Office amounts
- Ultimate
- Surrounded by, to The Bard
- Denpasar is its capital
- Thought
- Isolated
- Voluminous book
- Fibber
- break (Away from one’s desk)
- Majestic
- Gambler’s input
- Peggys — Lighthouse (Iconic red-and-white attraction at Peggys Cove)
- Shindig
- “— she blows!”
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- Vintage girdle
- Pasture place
- .pdf files
- program, —
- Acrobat
- Cadbury treat a Viking would love
- of Canada = RBC
- Celine Dion’s asset
- Peanuts character
- Ballet movement
- Plaudit
- Iron’s partner
- Post
- Slangy-spelled
- agendas

DOWN

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- Mr. Egoyan
- Body of water where Peggys Cove is situat-

- Verbal tests
- Space object
- Nova Scotia: Some of the Eastern Shore is composed of this rugged stuff: 2 wds.
- ‘Roof’ a room
- Info
- Business excess
- Ms. Kunis
- Norse deity
- Orderly
- muffins
- Broke
- Singer Ms. DiFranco
- Iridescent gem
- Fermented soybean paste
- Genuine
- Ms. Benatar
- Three-— sloth
- Scoundrel
- Fourth wife of Henry VIII, Anne of — (b.1515 - d.1557)
- Movie producer Mr. Ponti
- Stench
- Rolls- — (Posh car)
- “— Acapulco” (1963) starring Elvis Presley
- Tattooed
- Corduroy line
- Nastiness
- Mil. school
- Soaks flax
- Country singer married to actress Kimberly Williams ...his initials-sharers

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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

With Mars, your ruler, on such excellent form, how can you possibly fail? This is one of those occasions when you must take risks and when you must push the limits. For you there are no limits, so light up the sky.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

You will surprise a few people with your tough guy act today. Usually you are placid in the extreme and rarely raise your voice but over the next 24 hours you will go right the other way. Scream and shout!

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

If you push yourself hard now you will accomplish more in the next 24 hours than most people manage in 24 days. You won’t lack for energy or passion — and if you use your brains you won’t lack for anything.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

If you don’t get what you want one way, you will get it another — you are in one of your imperious moods, the kind where you can easily intimidate people. No one says “no” to a Cancer — at least not today.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Don’t worry about making mistakes, worry only that you might miss out on a glorious opportunity because you were too timid. If you take a chance it will pay off, even if the odds are stacked against you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone in a position of authority will challenge you to do more and do better today. You will rise to the challenge and show them and the world at large what you can do. Your ambition knows no bounds.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You are in the mood to shock. You want to see the look of amazement on other people’s faces when you say or do things they don’t approve of. Don’t go too far though or even your friends may start to avoid you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A falling out of some kind is likely today and it is unlikely to be very pretty. You have had your fill of being pushed around and now certain people need to learn that you can bite as well as bark.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you go it alone today you will do okay, but if you work with others you will accomplish ten times as much. Mars urges you to put petty differences aside and join with those who share your ideals.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you find yourself under pressure today you will most likely have brought it on yourself. You have taken on too many duties recently and now you are starting to pay the price. Cut back on your workload.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will find yourself drawn to a person who is strong and powerful and the planets indicate you are a good fit creatively. Get together to work on a project that you both find inspiring.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Something has stung you into action and you have every intention of making your mark. Your problem most of the time is that you are too sensitive but that won’t be such an issue today.

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